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Commons must rule, says Redwood

Tories urge battle over 48-hour week

BY IAN MURRAY, CHARLES BREMNER AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

TORY MPs are to try to force the Prime Minister into a head-on confrontation with Brussels over a ruling by the European Court imposing a maximum 48-hour week on British workers.

Although the judgment is not likely to be issued by the court until September, the Euro-sceptics intend to exploit the issue this week.

The MPs plan to keep Mr Major to the promise he made in the Commons last week that he would block any progress at the Maastricht review conference unless Britain was allowed to retain its opt-out from the 48-hour working week.

The Government has been warned that it would be breaking the law and liable to heavy claims for damages in the British courts if it defies the directive.

"We have got to sort out who is top dog, Parliament or an unelected group of lawyers sitting in Luxembourg," John Redwood, the former Cabinet minister and leadership challenger, said last night. "We have got to change the law to assert Parliament's will above the European Court.

"We signed the Maastricht treaty, including the opt-out clause, in good faith. When you get a decision from the court which is totally incompatible with something the British Parliament has approved, then you have to establish which of the two is the senior authority."



Redwood: law must be changed, not broken

Mr Redwood said he did not agree that Britain should disobey the court or re-implement a policy of non-cooperation in an attempt to force the EU to amend the treaties.

"Germany already has a constitution which makes European law subject to its own national law. All I want to see is a British version of what the Germans have already."

The directive comes into force in November and from then on will be binding on all public sector employees, including those working for the Government. If Parliament does not incorporate the directive into British legislation, any private employee made to work longer than 48 hours could sue the Government for damages on the grounds that it had deliberately failed to implement EU law.

Doctors, emergency services and transport workers are among the few who would be exempt. Workers would be allowed to work longer than 48 hours a week if they volunteered to do so.

The likelihood is that this will create two scales of overtime payment, with lower rates for time between a normal 40-hour working week and 48 hours and a higher rate for hours in excess of the EU maximum.

Nicholas Budgen, MP for Wolverhampton South West, who is also a Euro-sceptic, said he believed the best strategy would be to re-introduce the policy of non-cooperation used in the BSE crisis.

"We can only solve this by an amendment to the Maastricht treaty," he said. "We must comply with the court. We cannot pick and choose which bits of community legislation we accept, as that would undermine our position as a law-abiding member. Breaking European law would have very big consequences, so we have to do this by changing the law."

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, rejected demands for a renewed campaign of non-

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Daphne Deckers, Richard Krajicek's girlfriend, watching him yesterday



Krajicek with the singles champion's trophy

Three set win for unseeded Krajicek

BY JOANNA BALE

HOLLAND's Richard Krajicek created a Wimbledon first yesterday by beating the American MaliVai Washington in the first men's final to feature two unseeded players.

The big-serving, 6ft 5in Dutchman won in straight sets 6-3, 6-4, 6-3 after rain disrupted play three times. Washington was the first black men's finalist since Arthur Ashe beat Jimmy Connors 21 years ago.

The event saw another first — a woman streaker who ran across Centre Court towards the Royal Box as Krajicek and Washington were warming up before the match. Melissa Johnson, a 23-year-old student, was taken to Wimbledon police station, but was released without charge.

Krajicek's victory was watched by his mother and Dutch TV presenter girlfriend, Daphne Deckers. She said:"He's never played so well. He looks so calm like an ice man but I know inside he feels like a tornado It is a dream made in heaven. I gave him an extra special big kiss this morning." Miss Deckers said.

Until yesterday, Krajicek's career had been plagued by injury and psychological problems.

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"I'll be what's-his-name and you be what's-his-name the one who lost"

Oxford boosts 261 academics to more senior titles

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

OXFORD University has almost doubled its number of professors, appointing more in a single day than in the past decade, in an unprecedented attempt to raise the status of its dons.

Lecturers at Oxford and Cambridge have grown increasingly frustrated at playing second fiddle to less eminent academics elsewhere. American universities have always conferred professorships on a high proportion of their staff and the widespread use of the title by new universities brought matters to a head.

Cambridge is still discussing how to address the issue, but Oxford decided last year to establish a new cadre of "titular" professors. A Distinctions Committee of 14 academics has accepted the claims of 162 dons to become professors and promoted another 99 to the lesser title of reader.

The new professors will receive no more money and their duties will be unaffected, but they will be able to use the coveted title. To most observers, the titular professors will be indistinguishable from those who hold chairs.

A number of well-known academics will feature on the list of promotions announced today. Among them is Vernon Bogdanor, an authority on constitutional issues, and Roger Hood, a criminologist who has written extensively on the death penalty and sentencing.

More than 200 dons applied for professorships, and were judged against the research records of holders of the title in other leading universities, as well as on their teaching and administrative work. The 80 per cent success rate will bring the number of professors to 361, out of an academic staff of 1,262.

The exercise is to be repeated annually, although the number of promotions will be much smaller in future.

Dr Paul Slack, the chairman of Oxford's General Board, said: "The purpose of this exercise was to give appropriate recognition to the outstanding quality of the academics in this university, despite the financial pressures which prevent us from increasing the number of stipendiary professors."

The university's response to the growth in the number of professorships elsewhere was the subject of heated debate. Some existing professors felt that their title would be devalued by a wave of appointments, while some of those aspiring to the title wanted the full benefits of a professorship. As well as attracting a higher salary, the stipendiary grade brings a reduction in teaching duties to give the holder more time for research.

In its early stages, the debate was sidetracked into a controversy over opportunities for women at Oxford. A proposal to create 15 full professorships was rejected by Congregation, the dons' parliament, because the shortage of women in senior positions was thought to guarantee that most of those promoted would be men.

The much larger list of titular appointments appears to have benefited female academics, 85 per cent of whom were successful in applications for readerships or professorships, compared with 79 per cent of men. The number of women professors will more than double, from 12 to 20.

Loyalist protesters block Ulster roads

BY NICHOLAS WATTS, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

A CONFRONTATION between hundreds of Orangemen and armed police on the outskirts of Portadown, County Armagh, intensified last night amid fears that the protest could spread thorughout Northern Ireland.

Loyalists threw stones and missiles at police lines at Drumcree to register their anger at the police decision to reroute an Orange parade away from the Nationalist Garvaghy Road area of Portadown. Violence flared after Orangemen, who have marched into Portadown along the route for 189 years, vowed to camp outside the small parish church at Drumcree until they were allowed to follow their traditional route. The Loyalists staged a similar protests last year for three days until they were eventually allowed to March down the Garvaghy Road. The deadlock led to some of the most serious violence between Loyalists and the RUC in a decade.

The RUC mounted a massive security operation yesterday to prevent a repeat of last year's clashes. More than 2,000 police officers, supported by two battalions of soldiers on standby, were drafted into the Portadown area. Thousands of other RUC officers were put on alert throughout Northern Ireland. Helicopters hovered over Drumcree and barbed-wire fences were erected to prevent Loyalists from breaking through to the Nationalist area.

Orangemen reacted furiously to the security operation and accused the RUC of hemming them in. Harold

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GrandMet bid denied by Guinness

GUINNESS, the name behind brands such as Johnnie Walker, Bells and Gordon's Gin, will make a Stock Exchange statement today, after reports that it has considered launching a takeover bid for Grand Metropolitan, whose own brands include Smirnoff Vodka, J&B Rare whisky, Malibu and Jose Cuervo tequila.

Speculation that a £13 billion bid was being planned was increased by a leaked document prepared by Lazards, which acts as chief City adviser to Guinness.

Although Guinness denied last night that it would make a hostile bid for GrandMet, analysts do not rule out an attempt to forge an agreement between the two companies to combine their interests in spirits.

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Mosquitoes could be flying hypodermics against malaria

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

A NEW breed of mosquito could be designed to act as a "flying hypodermic syringe" to prevent malaria, the disease they normally spread.

The genetically-engineered mosquito would transfer a protein through its saliva, which would act as a vaccine, immunising its victim against the disease, which claims more than two million lives a year.

A patent on the idea has been granted to Professor Bob Sinden of Imperial College, London, and Professor Julian Crampton of Liverpool University. The scheme could be used to immunise people and animals against a wide range of diseases, and any biting insect, not only mosquitoes, could be used to carry the vaccine.

"We are exceedingly excited by the research" Prof Sinden said. "It's eminently logical, and we are confident we can make it work."

The technique described in the patent application has not been publicised but was spotted by Derwent, a scientific information company. The trick is to modify the insect's salivary gland by introducing a foreign gene. When blood-sucking insects bite, their salivary glands produce chemicals that encourage their victims' blood to flow. This action is under the control of a gene that is switched on by a control region, a section of DNA lying near the gene.

"We steal this control region and attach it to a gene that produces an antigen known to stimulate the body to resist the parasite," Prof Sinden said. The modified gene can be put back into the insect using a variety of well-established techniques. The result should be an insect which keeps on "topping-up" the immune system of those it bites, so that an antigen that would not necessarily be effective as a single vaccination provides good long-term protection.

There is no intention of releasing any such creatures until all the implications have been carefully studied, and exhaustive tests carried out in the laboratory, Prof Sinden said.

Professor Crampton said that the gene had been successfully introduced and that it produced antigen in sufficient amounts. Trials using mice would be used to establish that bites from the modified mosquitoes were enough to produce immunity.



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Blair avoids row over MPs' elections

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

Tony Blair faced further embarrassment over education yesterday as his son's school said it could be forced out of the state system under a Labour government. Mr Blair's eldest son, Euan, attends the grant-maintained London Oratory in Fulham, southwest London. Labour would force grant-maintained schools to agree admissions policies with the local authority. John McIntosh, London Oratory's headmaster, said the plans threatened his school's character.

TONY BLAIR has backed away from a confrontation with his MPs over a proposal to scrap this year's elections to the Shadow Cabinet.

Labour's leadership is expecting in-fighting after more than 100 backbenchers criticised suggestions by senior figures that the annual elections to the front bench be cancelled. Backbenchers are alarmed at the prospect of this year's poll being abandoned and Mr Blair has agreed to accept their decision when they force a vote on the issue next week.

Andrew Mackinlay, the Labour MP for Thurrock, disclosed that 110 of the 175 backbenchers had supported his call for the elections to go ahead. "There were strong reasons for believing there were some important people in the party who were trying to prevent the elections," he said.

However, John Reid, a frontbench MP, is expected to press next week's meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party to vote that the election to be cancelled. "Our sole aim should be the defeat of the Conservatives, not the defeat of Shadow Cabinet members." Mr Blair's aides were adamant that the leader was not behind Mr Reid's move.

Although Mr Blair was described by aides as being "totally relaxed" about the issue, senior colleagues gave warning that the elections were likely to pose damaging problems for the leadership in the run-up to the general election.

They remain nervous about the prospect of a highly publicised battle which could lead to at least two senior MPs, Harriet Harman, Shadow Health Secretary, and Jack Straw,e Shadow Home Secretary, being ousted from the Shadow Cabinet.

One Shadow Cabinet minister said: "If Tony thinks this election is just going through the motions, he will have a shock. There are people looking for a scalp, not just a token."

Another Shadow Cabinet member said Mr Blair had been "chastened" by the hostility of backbench MPs to his decision that there be a referendum on the future of Scotland. "He is not in the mood for a fight over an issue that doesn't bother him too much."

But Labour MPs are divided over the wisdom of holding a poll that could see left-wing MPs seek to force out Ms Harman over her decision to send her son to a selective school.

This Wednesday, several frontbench Labour MPs are expected to ignore Mr Blair's appeal for restraint over MPs' pay when the Commons votes on the matter. The Labour leader matched John Major last week in calling for MPs and ministers to be restricted to a 3 per cent pay rise rather than the increase of at least 26 per cent recommended by an independent body.

Three Shadow Cabinet members indicated yesterday that they would support the full increases, claiming that MPs deserved to catch up, after falling behind comparable professions.

Mr Blair is allowing his MPs a free vote; the Government is demanding that ministers and their aides back the 3 per cent.

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Mayhew to stand down at general election

BY JAMES LANDALE

SIR PATRICK MAYHEW, the Northern Ireland Secretary, is to stand down from Parliament at the general election. He ended months of speculation about his future by making the announcement to a meeting of his constituency officers in Tunbridge Wells, Kent, at the weekend.

However, it is unlikely that Sir Patrick will resign from the Cabinet before the election. Earlier this year he said it was his duty to serve until the end of the Government's term.

Sir Patrick has represented his constituency for 22 years and will hand on a majority of 17,132. His retirement will prompt a rush of applications for what is one of the safest seats in the country. Possible successors could include Chris Patten, the Governor of Hong Kong, who is expected to return to British politics when the colony returns to Chinese rule next year.

At 66, Sir Patrick is one of the Prime Minister's oldest and most experienced Cabinet colleagues. He has been a driving force in the peace process but has recently shown signs of fatigue.

Mr Major is keen to maintain some continuity in Belfast and Sir Patrick's deputy at the Northern Ireland Office, Michael Ancram, is one of the frontrunners to succeed him.



Police confront Orangemen on the Drumcree Road, barring their way through a Catholic area of Portadown

March protests block Ulster roads

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Gracey, the District Grandmaster of the Orange order in Portadown said: "There is a ring of steel round Portadown. So it is now the siege of Portadown. In fact it is even wider than that. It is the siege of Ulster."

In an address to hundreds of Orangmen outside the church at Drumcree, Mr Gracey vowed to stay until the RUC allowed his local Orange order to parade along their traditional route. He said: "If we fail in this you can rest assured we are finished. Dublin has given the order for this."

The Rev Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionists, and MP for North Antrim, told cheering supporters that the Orangemen's protest was "worth fighting for and worth dying for".

Security sources voiced fears that the Loyalists from the mid-Ulster brigade of the Ulster Volunteer Force might try to provoke further violence.

The Orange protest spread beyond Drumcree last night when hundreds of Loyalists closed roads throughout Northern Ireland. The main M1 motorway was closed 20 miles West of Belfast when Loyalists blockaded both carriage ways at Moira, Co Antrim. Hundreds of Loyalists also closed off roads into Newtownards, Co Down, and Maghera, Co Londonderry.

The main Belfast-to-Dublin road was blocked for a time at Dromore, Co Down.

NEWS IN BRIEF

One school in ten 'plans sackings'

One school in ten is planning to sack teachers this summer in a wave of redundancies that could claim 4,000 jobs, the Association of Teachers and Lecturers says today. The association said the teachers most likely to lose their jobs were the most experienced.

The Department for Education and Employment said that similar predictions in previous years had proved to be exaggerated. Schools must issue formal notices of redundancy at this time of year to meet contractual obligations, whether or not the job was certain to be lost, a spokesman said.

Kerb crawlers

Residents in areas plauged by prostitution want convicted kerb crawlers to be shamed by publication of their names in local newspapers, a cross-parliamentary group on prostitution reports. It suggests that if kerb crawling became a traffic offence, those convicted could have their licences endorsed.

Pilots' strike

British Airways pilots' leaders have said that company plans to keep their planes in the air when flight crews go on strike would fail. The British Airline Pilots Association said: "Before a foreign pilot could fly a BA aircraft they would have to be assessed by a BA training captain, the vast majority of whom are Balpa members."

Tube strike

Commuters face more travel problems today when 2,000 London Underground drivers stage their third strike in support of a shorter working week in spite of an invitation to peace talks. The drivers union Aslef said it was still evaluating the invitation from the conciliation service Acas, which was quickly accepted by London Transport.

Irish crime fear

Nine out of ten Irish people believe the Dublin Government is losing the battle against crime, according to a poll published yesterday, 11 days after the gangland murder of the journalist Veronica Guerin. The poll in the *Sunday Independent* newspaper found 65 per cent did not believe her killers would be brought to justice.

Wind-up winner

A clockwork radio has beaten off competition from a drinks can crusher and the nose of the Eurostar train to win top prize in the 1996 BBC Design Awards. The Freeplay wind-up radio, which uses no electricity or batteries, was developed by its inventor Trevor Baylis and designer Andy Davey for use in Third World countries.

999 overload

A huge increase in the number of 999 calls from mobile telephones is threatening to undermine the emergency services. Police say that the calls often duplicate the same incident, increasing the time it takes to repond to emergencies. A new number to deal with trivial incidents, including cats stuck in trees, is being proposed.



Princess turns to Duchess for advice

BY CAROL MIDGLEY

THE Princess of Wales sought advice from the Duchess of York yesterday over the draft divorce settlement put to her by her husband.

During Sunday lunch at the Duchess's rented home on the Wentworth estate in Surrey, the Princess is understood to have asked for guidance over the offer, which is believed to include a lump sum of between £10 million and £20 million. She has watched the recent divorce negotiations between the Duke and Duchess of York with interest.

Her solicitor, Anthony Julius, a partner at Mishcon de Reya, described the Duchess as "the yellow canary", a reference to the birds coal miners used to take down the pit to check for poisonous gas ahead.

According to reports yesterday, the Princess has also been receiving advice from another royal divorcé, Captain Mark Phillips, the former husband of the Princess Royal. It is said to be he who urged her to be certain of the precise terms of the settlement before agreeing to start divorce proceedings, having felt he was too trusting with Buckingham Palace over his own divorce.

Clarke says voters want job security before tax cuts

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

KENNETH CLARKE took his firmest stand yet against calls for tax cuts yesterday as he pointed to worsening economic forecasts that will undermine Tory hopes of a giveaway Budget.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer set out a downbeat assessment of the prospects of tax reductions as he prepares for the opening stages of a tough public spending round with Cabinet colleagues. He dismissed suggestions that tax cuts were likely and added that they were "down the scale" in the public's list of priorities.

He admitted that past forecasts of public sector borrowing had been wrong and that he would have to revise figures, reducing the opportunity for cutting tax. The Chancellor is expected tomorrow to increase the forecast for the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement from £22.5 billion to about £28 billion and next week to scale down projections of economic growth from 3 per cent to 2.5 per cent. "My boffins got their estimates wrong," he said in an interview with BBC1's *Breakfast with Frost*.

Tory MPs viewed his comments with growing nervousness yesterday. One minister said: "This is not just a Chancellor being negative before a public spending round. He actually has figures to show that things are not as good as we would have hoped at this stage."

Mr Clarke will underline his difficulties when Cabinet ministers begin their public spending round next week. Senior Treasury figures said that Mr Clarke was adamant that ministers should meet the £268 billion spending target, or even reduce it. However, he was dismissive of claims by John Redwood, the former Welsh Secretary, that up to £6 billion could be cut.

He said that job security, a buoyant housing market and higher earnings were more important to voters than tax cuts. "I am not going to do it [cut taxes] if it will drive up our borrowing or delay the real economy out there feeling good. Tax comes down the scale compared to all those things that matter to real families."

Gordon Brown, Labour's Shadow Chancellor, accused Mr Clarke of refusing to spell out the true scale of the "black hole" that had developed in public finances.

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Battle over 48-hour week

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cooperation. "Non-cooperation is not going to alter the judgment of the court . . . One thing we made clear when we were not co-operating is that the British Government, certainly Conservative governments, obey the law."

The Chancellor echoed John Major's acknowledgement that Britain will be unable to overturn the court's decision, but backbench Tories are angered by the Government's refusal to take a more aggressive stance on the issue.

The Government's quarrel over working hours goes well beyond its anger over what it sees as the court's habit of pursuing a federal political agenda in its rulings. In Mr Major's view, it impinges on Britain's freedom to opt out of social legislation.

Several EU states, as well as Commission officials, have made no secret of their desire to bring Britain into line on employment law at the IGC, both for the good of British workers and to stop employers enjoying what rivals see as an unfair advantage in the form of lower wage costs.

The so-called "working time directive" was agreed in 1993, setting a maximum 48-hour week with compulsory rest periods every six hours, a minimum daily rest period of 11 hours, one day off a week and four weeks paid annual holiday for all workers.

Had the directive been classified as an employment rather than a health and safety measure, Britain would have been unaffected because it would then have come under the social chapter of the Maastricht treaty and thus have been covered by the British opt-out.

Putting the rules into practice could cost the Treasury and industry hundreds of millions of pounds, according to British businessmen.

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Comments from a former Wimbledon winner helped Krajicek to overcome his mental block

Parental pressure almost drove champion to quit

BY JOANNA BALE

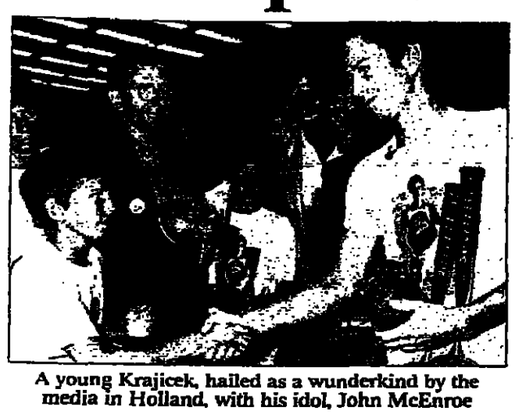
LIKE his more famous counterparts Steffi Graf and Mary Pierce, the new Wimbledon champion, Richard Krajicek, has had a troubled relationship with his father.

The 24-year-old Dutchman was born a year after his Czech parents Petr and Ludmila fled their country in 1970 and settled in Rotterdam. When he was four years old his father thrust a tennis racket into his hand, embarking on a strict training regime with the sole ambition of turning his son into a star.

The methods he used to instil the discipline needed to succeed were often harsh and eventually prompted Krajicek to cut off all contact with his father when his parents divorced while he was a teenager.

Karel Huidkamp, a Dutch tennis correspondent, said: "His father would force him to practise for hours, dragging him back on to the court against his will even when he was exhausted and often in tears." Another added: "If he lost a match he would be forced to walk several miles home while his father drove. It was a method that many Eastern Europeans used."

In the early 1990s, when Krajicek's career began to take off, he decided to get back in touch with his father and the two were reconciled, although he was not present on Centre Court yesterday to see his son fulfil his greatest dream.



A young Krajicek, hailed as a wunderkind by the media in Holland, with his idol, John McEnroe

Petr is said to be using the same strict regime to train his six-year-old daughter from his second marriage, who is said to have great promise.

Kraai (crow), as he is known, now declines to talk about his father, but he admits the regime gave him a fierce determination to win. Dominating the Dutch junior competition from the age of 11, he idolised John McEnroe and was touted as a "wunderkind" by the media. But when he began to lose matches after his parents marriage broke down, he almost gave up tennis.

Talking about his early days as a child tennis star, he said: "Everybody wanted to know me then. It was weird. I didn't have a clue what was going on. Then I started playing badly, losing games. My parents got divorced. And then nobody wanted to know me. I even considered giving up tennis at one point."

He decided to soldier on but admits that his game was constantly thwarted by an over-anxiety to succeed, a legacy from his father's training regime, as well as frequent injury problems. At 6ft 5in and one of the fastest servers in the world at 134mph, he is a formidable opponent, but has had to resort to psychotherapy to fulfil his potential.

Ted Troost, who uses a mixture of psychotherapy and physiotherapy, is an important figure in Krajicek's life. He said: "Krajicek always played against two opponents, his actual opponent and himself."

Throughout the Australian Open in January, Krajicek talked constantly about how he believed that keeping himself injury-free was a case of "mind over matter", but then dropped out of the semi-finals with a shoulder injury.

Andre Agassi remarked at the tournament that the Dutchman's problems were in his head and Krajicek admitted this week that those comments had spurred him to overcome a mental block. He said: "I changed my attitude after the Australian Open. I was so uptight about not getting injured that I was working too hard. I was putting mental pressure on myself."

Krajicek appears to have matured since causing controversy at Wimbledon in 1991 by describing the majority of women tennis players as "fat, lazy pigs who should not be allowed on show courts". He now says he regrets the remark, made on Dutch radio when responding to a question about equal prize money for both sexes.

Krajicek, ranked 13 in the world and now a multi-millionaire, enjoys reading philosophers such as Plato and studying Zen Buddhism, as well as playing golf and watching American football.

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Melissa Johnson being led away by police after her cross-court dash yesterday



Johnson: made history

Student, 23, streaks into record book

MELISSA JOHNSON made history and brought a smile to faces on Centre Court yesterday when she became Wimbledon's first streaker.

The 23-year-old student made her dash across the hallowed turf as Richard Krajicek and Mal Washington posed for photographers. Both men smiled as the young woman flashed past them to the crowd's cheers.

Ms Johnson, who was working as a catering assistant at the tournament during her summer holidays, wore nothing but her regulation pinafore. She paused to lift the tiny garment, revealing all, in front of a packed Royal Box. The Duke of Kent rocked with laughter as she ran into the arms of police.

Ms Johnson was held at Wimbledon police station and released after the match. A Scotland Yard spokeswoman said: "There will be no further action."

Lone sailor celebrates his return to life

BY LIN JENKINS

FOR a man thought to be dead, Leslie Powles was enjoying life to the full yesterday. After a full English breakfast topped by strawberries, the 70-year-old mariner recalled how he survived the past few weeks on two spoonfuls of rice and a quarter of a tin of corned beef a day.

Mr Powles stepped ashore at Lymington, Hampshire, on Saturday, seven months after losing radio contact during his three-year circumnavigation of the world. He gave up his job as a radio engineer to build a yacht in the early 1970s and embarked on his first global trip in 1975. The next time he went the other way round, becoming the first man to circumnavigate the world in both directions single-handedly.

He left on the last trip, in his 34ft sloop *Solitaire*, in September 1993. Last December he left New Zealand but failed to reach the Falkland Islands in March as expected. Storms in the Southern Ocean had disabled his radio and left him injured.



Powles: apologised for having caused worry

"The cover over my hatch ripped open and water started flooding into the cabin. Then I was knocked unconscious and woke up about six hours later with a gash in my head and blood pouring out. I don't know how the boat stayed afloat," he said. "It is wonderful to be back here. I am sorry if anyone was worried about me."

☐ Samantha Brewster, 29, will return to a heroine's welcome at Southampton tomorrow after her voyage around the world. She is the first woman and the youngest person to complete the "wrong way" solo trip.

Poetry beaten by lack of interest

BY ERICA WAGNER

A MARATHON international festival of poetry and music featuring an array of writers and rock musicians at the Royal Albert Hall yesterday filled only a tenth of the seats.

Damon Albarn, of Blur, joined the American singer Patti Smith, Ray Davies of the Kinks, James Fenton, the British poet and journalist, and Miroslav Holub, one of the leading Czech poets, in what had been billed as the biggest poetry event ever staged. More than 60 artists from many countries performed their work over nine hours.

Michael Horovitz had envisaged an "Olympics of poetry" reminiscent of the celebrated gathering of beat poets he organised in 1965 which packed the Albert Hall. However, yesterday afternoon, only 500 of the 5,000 seats in the hall were filled. The audience made up for its small size by its appreciation.

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John East in front of the old Gem cinema, long since used as a public toilet

Curtains for old cinema

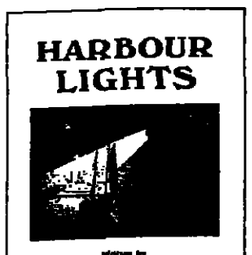
BY ROBIN YOUNG

- ONE of Britain's earliest purpose-built cinemas is about to be demolished, having been mistaken as a public convenience for the past 56 years.
- The Gem, in Boreham Wood, Hertfordshire, was opened in 1914 to preview films made by the Neptune film company. Since Neptune went into receivership in the 1920s the building, outside Boreham Wood railway staion, has served as a public convenience.
- John East, a BBC radio producer whose grandfather, bearing the same name, was a director of Neptune and creator of the Gem, said yesterday: "I do feel sentimental about it because it is one of the last tangible mementoes of my grandfather's career and a source of great memories of the early cinema days."
- The Gem, though small, accommodated an audience of up to 150 on wooden benches. The Neptune films, which John East directed, scripted and performed in, were principally melodramas which included early appearances by such names as Jack Buchanan, Dame May Whitty and her husband, Ben Webster. The site of Neptune's studios, across the road from the Gem, is now where the BBC films *EastEnders*, and the only remaining part of the original building is now used as a wine cellar.

Mr East said yesterday: "I do not think there is any campaign to save the Gem from demolition. They are unveiling a plaque to my grandfather on the studio site next year and I shall be going to that."

☐ Hammer Films, the company which kept the nation's cinemagoers in a state of terror from the Fifties to the Seventies, is experiencing a resurrection. The company went into liquidation in 1979 but present owner Roy Skeggs, who bought out the receiver in 1987, has a dozen projects in development.

"All of a sudden we are flavour of the month," he said. "We have signed deals with Fox, New World and Warner, and we go into production this year."



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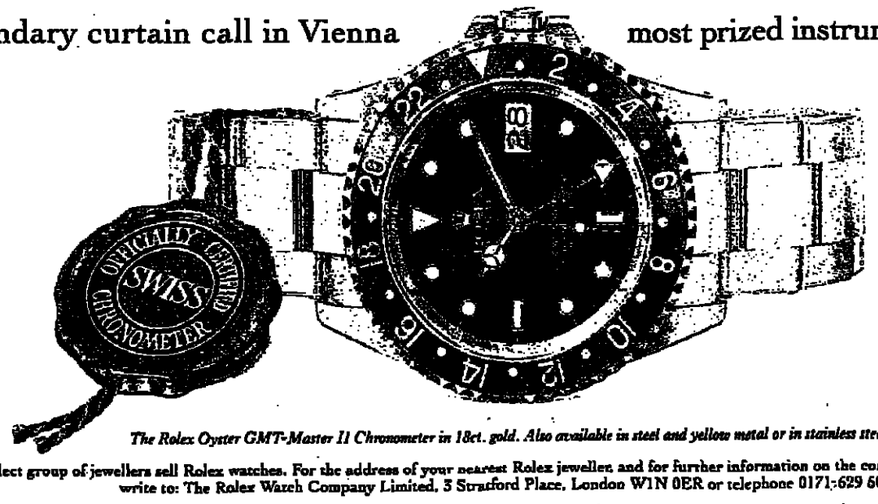
He firmly believes this daunting repertoire is necessary to attract the widest possible audience, so that he is able to fulfil his ambition of helping more people, all over the world, enjoy the music he loves.

He has enthralled audiences from Covent Garden to China. And one legendary curtain call in Vienna lasted one hour and fifty minutes. "It would have been easier," he has said, "to sing the opera all over again."

However, Domingo is a highly-respected conductor as well; a challenge he appears to relish. "The operatic conductor is like a Roman charioteer. He has a hundred horses on stage and a hundred horses in the pit. And he has to control them all."

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Shocking role of lethal bacterium passed fit for cinema appearance

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

ADVERTISEMENTS warning of the dangers of toxic shock syndrome, strongly associated with tampon use, have been passed as acceptable for general viewing in the cinema. The syndrome is a rare, but frightening, disease initially thought to be confined to children, but by the late 1970s it was recognised that it was a problem found mainly in young women.

The cause was confirmed when the number of cases increased alarmingly after the manufacturers of vaginal tampons started to use a more absorbent material. The flow was contained so effectively that toxins were readily absorbed into the system.

Toxic shock syndrome is caused by poisons released into the circulation by an infection with phage-group I *Staphylococcus aureus*. The patient develops a sudden high temperature — sometimes as high as 105F (40.5C) — with shivering. The syndrome is associated with diarrhoea, vomiting and, once the shock develops, a very low blood pressure and circulatory collapse. The failure of the circulation leads to damage to the kidneys, liver, lungs and other organs. A widespread red skin rash is common and, as in other bacterial infections, the soles of the feet and palms of the hands become bright red and the skin on them later peels.

In 1981 the improved material was withdrawn from use in tampons and the death rate dropped dramatically. Cases of toxic shock syndrome are still reported but not all are the result of tampon use; 15 per cent occur in males and another 15 per cent in women who are either not menstruating or are using diaphragms, cervical caps or vaginal sponges.

It is probable that many minor instances of toxic shock syndrome pass unrecognised but if they are severe enough to be diagnosed the mortality rate is about 5 per cent.

Some women have been infected more than once but it is not clear whether this represents an unusual vulnerability to the toxin or whether the staphylococci were not fully eradicted from the patient and her immediate family.

In those instances in which the infection cannot be blamed on tampons or other intra-vaginal devices the staphylococcus normally responsible for the syndrome has been recovered from nose, throat and abscesses or an infected wound. Sometimes the wound maybe comparatively trivial. Toxic shock syndrome is also an occasional complication of gynaecological operations or childbirth.

Toxic shock syndrome is rare and tampons are so convenient that it is unlikely that their use will ever be abandoned, but women are advised to take certain simple precautions. Tampons should be changed every four to six hours. Women who sleep for many hours must either change tampons during the night or use a pad. Hands should be washed before tampons are inserted so that any staphylococcus from the nose and throat are not transferred.

Treatment is carried out in hospital: antibiotics are administered with an intravenous infusion to maintain fluid and electrolyte balance and blood pressure.

Despair disfigures brave face of city rocked by bombers

By Bill Frost

THREE weeks after the IRA tried to tear the heart out of Manchester, some of the shops closest to the blast reopened. With balloons, bunting, brass bands and celebrity guests, the city sought to draw shoppers back to the streets devastated in the attack.

However, neither traders nor their customers felt ready to celebrate yet.

The partial reopening of the Arndale Centre was said to be both a gesture of defiance to the bombers and a celebration of Manchester's spirit. The city fathers, who are planning a £21 million rebuilding programme, had hoped the people would come to shop — business as usual three weeks after the attack. However, most people just stared blankly at their city's still-gaping wounds, wandering the precinct aimlessly or standing as close to the boarded-up wreckage as they could.

Yvonne Baskeyfield, manageress of the K Shoes shop close to the centre of the blast, was in no doubt why some had returned to the scene of last month's outrage: the precinct held a morbid fascination for "rubber-neckers".

Her hands shook and her eyes filled with tears when she talked of the bombing. Mrs Baskeyfield, 51, is seeing a psychotherapist three times a week and talking to him on the telephone every day about her overwhelming feelings of panic and her depression.

She was caught up in two previous IRA attacks on the city: "I suppose the third bombing was just too much."

As she spoke the shoppers browsed, not really interested in the shoes on display, but looking for evidence of damage. Mrs Baskeyfield seemed unaware of their presence. "You just keep thinking, 'What if?'. I had half-a-dozen staff to look after. Suppose I had taken them the wrong way?" She feared that months, if not years would elapse before the collective memory of the bombing was laid to rest.

On the floor above, Matthew Lenton, manager of the Burton Menswear store, was more bullish. However, his smile seemed a little fixed when he spoke of returning public confidence. "All my staff have had counselling," he said. "It was the same team called in after Dunblane, so we had the very best."

On Corporation Street, where the IRA left its one-ton bomb, passers-by stopped to watch enormous cranes lifting huge blocks of concrete and rubble from shattered storefronts. The Corn Exchange was literally gutted in the explosion. Some of the 300 or so traders and stallholders who occupied this once magnificent building gathered forlornly at the crowd control barriers. Many had lost everything and were not covered by insurance. They have no stock left and cannot work or pay household bills.

Sue Blythe opened a sandwich bar at the Exchange six months ago, using every penny of her husband's £35,000 redundancy to buy the business. Her face was pale.

"I'm worried sick. I'm not sleeping. Our life's work has quite literally gone up in smoke," she said. "We had no business or loss-of-earnings insurance." The most she can hope for is compensation for damaged or destroyed equipment in the sandwich bar — £8,000 at the very most.

Listening to her mother talk of the family's impending ruin at the hands of the bombers, Mrs Blythe's 11-year-old daughter Samantha, who was working with her mother on the morning of the blast, started to sob. "They are tears of rage, we think she has got over the shock. Samantha just can't bear what has happened to us and all the others in the Exchange," her mother said.

Cheek by jowl with the Corn Exchange, Manchester Cathedral took less of the blast but bears some scars. The clock on the tower stopped, fissures appeared in the roof and stained glass windows bulged and shattered.

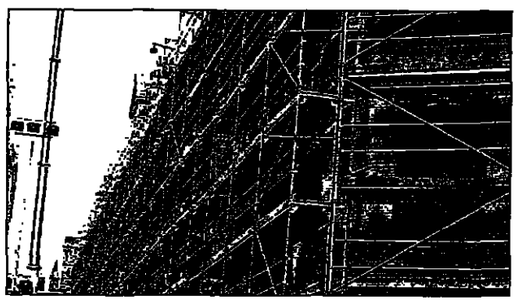
The Very Rev Ken Riley, Dean of the Cathedral, showed the damage to Mary Robinson, the Irish President, when she visited the city over the weekend to express her country's condolences. As they posed for the cameras, she said she was impressed by "the very positive spirit" shown since the bombing. After she left, the Dean spoke of his fears and concern for those who had lost everything. He agreed that the city still had a "wounded feeling".

"Some are a long way from being healed, particularly in the business community. The Church's job is to try to keep hope alive, if possible. It is going to be a very long time before some get back on their feet again. This talk of optimism for the future is insensitive when there are still so many in pain."

The Dean described the city fathers and developers involved in the rebuilding plan as "great movers and shakers, second to none". Talk of a swift return to normal life was premature, though. "There's a great deal of bravado coming across at the moment, but I think everyone should remember Manchester is still in deep shock. We copped the lot this time."



Sue Blythe, with her daughter Samantha, lost the family's sandwich bar in the Corn Exchange, below



MARTIN RICKETT



Yvonne Baskeyfield, shop manageress, is receiving counselling three times a week. It was her third bombing



Alzheimer's woman wins right to NHS care

By Dominic Kennedy

A PATIENT dying from Alzheimer's disease has won the right to be looked after in a health-service hospital instead of having to sell her home to pay for care.

Kathleen Richardson, 76, has been a patient at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester, for 18 months. The Winchester and Eastleigh Healthcare NHS Trust wanted to discharge her into long-term care, for which social services would have required her to sell her house to pay the £16,000-a-year fees.

Her daughter-in-law, Valerie Richardson, 50, a businesswoman and founder of the care-rights group Health Aid, argued that Mrs Richardson should be treated on the NHS because she was terminally ill. The trust has relented and agreed to let her stay.

Valerie Richardson said: "This is a landmark which will affect tens of thousands of people, perhaps hundreds of thousands, throughout the country. They don't have to sell their homes to pay for their care.

"My mother-in-law has now been given a long-term healthcare plan as an inpatient. Earlier in the year she was told she could be discharged. The whole battle has been about trying to force her out of a health service bed into welfare provision.

"Three years ago you would never have found Alzheimer's patients being discharged into residential care homes but they have done it to save money because they are £5,000 a year cheaper."

Health Aid advises families of patients how to make the health service pay for care.

Winchester and Eastleigh NHS Trust declined to comment. It is likely to be sensitive to such cases after the health service ombudsman last week rebuked Winchester Health Authority for moving a 95-year-old man from hospital to long-term care against a consultant's advice.

Former minister heads seal protest

By James Landale

ALAN CLARK, the former Tory minister, is spearheading a campaign to prevent the Government scrapping a law that curbs the trade in seal skins.

Mr Clark, a former Defence Minister, said it was monstrous that ministers were planning to make it easier for Canada, the main trader, to export seal skins to Britain.

The Government wants to repeal a regulation that forces traders to label their products clearly to show whether they are made of sealskin and from which country they come. Ministers hope to push the move through just before the summer recess, when few MPs are in Westminster.

The Trades Descriptions (Sealskin Goods) (Information) Order 1980 prompted a huge drop in sealskin imports after public distaste at television pictures of seal cubs being clubbed to death in Canada. A MORI poll this weekend found that 92 per cent of people support retaining the law.

Trade officials claim the move is prompted by the Government's deregulation drive to cut red tape. They say the law is defunct because there is little sealskin trade in the UK. However, they emphasised the matter was still subject to consultation.

The International Fund for Animal Welfare wrote to John Taylor, the Junior Trade Minister, last week, arguing that if the order were repealed sealskin products would flood into Britain.

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A model in a lemon-yellow sheath with inset spiral, displaying Versace's skill as a cutter

Versace takes new direction in couture's cut and thrust

By Grace Bradberry
Style Editor

GIANNI VERSACE, the king of overtly sexual evening wear, has abandoned the "happy hooker" look. His couture show for autumn/winter, shown at the Paris Ritz on Saturday, was verging on the prudish. Where once flesh would have been bared, there were panels of chiffon, and nothing to compete with the sado-masochistic chainmail dresses of two years ago.

Valentino, the other Italian designer showing this week, exchanged his traditional good taste for something raunchier. One model was sent down the catwalk in nothing but pinstripe trousers and a strategically placed scarf, and some evening dresses were in see-through lace with one opaque black panel at the front.

Only one Versace dress revealed anything. Worn by Naomi Campbell, it was a long, single-strapped dress with the area between bust and waist cut out. Even so, it was tame compared with his safety-pin dress worn by Elizabeth Hurley two years ago.



Lisa Marie Presley and Elton John at the Paris show

But Versace is a showman and what he was showing off was his skill as a cutter. The most striking dresses had contrasting stripes of colour that snaked round the body — a feat of design. They appeared first in black with blue and red stripes, then with yellow and blue as the dominant colour.

The only flash of bad taste was teaming grey animal-print dresses with blood-red stoles. They were fake, but was this a sign of support for animal rights groups, or a joke at their expense? To the buyer such niceties are irrelevant; they are watching for the clothes beneath.

Versace's new conservatism comes at a time when designers are under pressure to justify the existence of couture. Most collections are loss-leaders, kept up to lend prestige to the ready-to-wear and perfume businesses. This has led to a tendency to create sensations, rather than to design wearable clothes.

Though the emergence of Karl Lagerfeld at Chanel, Christian Lacroix and, most recently, John Galliano at Givenchy has revived interest, most collections do not break even and designers are under pressure to find buyers for their creations.

Versace's decision to enter the couture market in 1989 was another boost, though strictly speaking he is not a couturier. His clothes are made in Italy, sometimes using machines, rather than the *petits-main*, as the seamstresses are known. As a result, he does not meet the stringent requirements of the *chambre syndicale*.

Significantly, Versace's celebrity entourage was pared down this week. Two years ago, Elizabeth Hurley, Hugh Grant, Brian Ferry and Prince were in the front row. On Saturday there was only Elton John, who spends a reported £1 million a year on Versace, and Lisa Marie Presley, who is due to appear in his advertising campaign.

But for Versace, the emphasis may have shifted to women such as Mouna al-Rashid, wife of a Saudi businessmen and one of his wealthiest clients, who will actually place orders.



A light-rey satin ensemble from the Italian designer Valentino, who showed a raunchier side

Teenagers go to court for right to see siblings

By Lin Jenkins

TWO teenagers are taking legal action against their former stepmother to win the right to see their younger half-brother and sister. Lisa and Gareth Rogers have been granted legal aid to take their battle to Newcastle upon Tyne County Court next week.

The pair lost touch with Lauren, 4, and Aaron, 5, when their father and his former wife failed to resolve their dispute over access to the children. They saw an article in a newspaper about a child who went to court to be allowed to see her sister and asked their father, Hedley, if they could do the same.

"My solicitor said it was not advisable as I was still trying to get some sort of access and was going backwards and forwards to court," Mr Rogers, who works for the Department of Transport, said. "But now he has said that they might as well try."

Lisa, 16, who has just taken her GCSEs, and Gareth, 14, have not seen the other half of their family for over a year. Mr Rogers and his second wife, Susan Spencer, separated in October 1993 and divorced in June 1994. An interim court order allowed Mr Rogers to see his younger children every fortnight on Sunday afternoon but the couple have yet to reach an amicable permanent arrangement.

Mr Rogers said: "Whatever happens between myself and my ex-wife should not affect the children. Lisa and Gareth are very fond of them and want to see them. They were around when they were born and were thrilled by them. They do not want to lose contact."

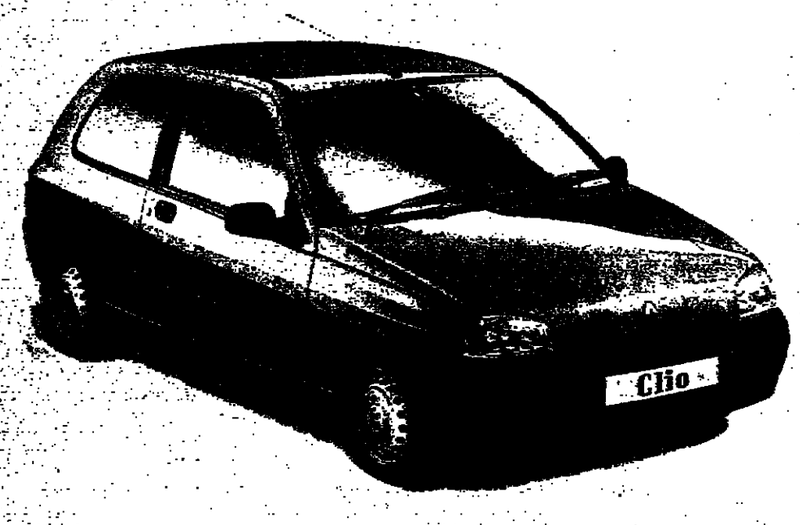
The case is being brought under the Children Act 1989, which has provision for children to use the courts, independently of adults.

Lisa said: "If going to court is the only way we're going to see our little brother and sister that's what we'll do." Gareth added: "We just want to get to know them. They were only babies when my dad and Susan split up."

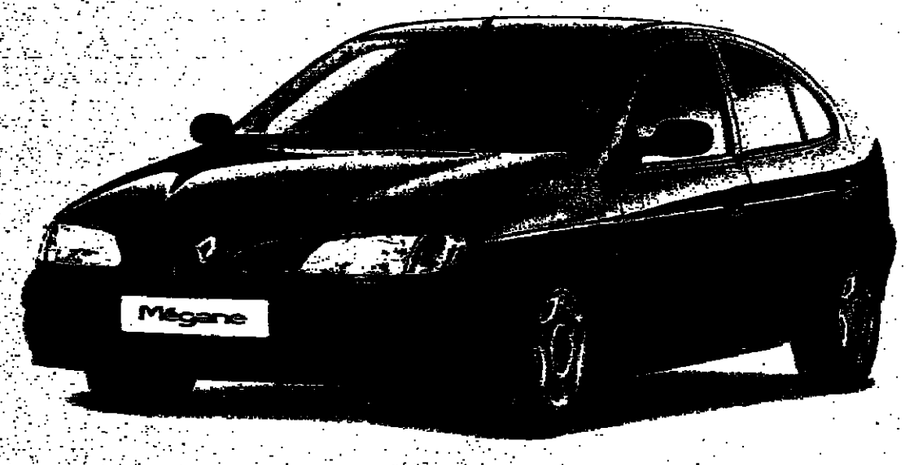
Ken Carlisle, their solicitor, said: "Bringing a case through the children is unusual. The court will investigate whether it is in the best interests of the younger children to see their brother and sister."

Mrs Spencer, who lives three miles from her former husband in Kenton, Newcastle, said: "My kids are so settled and happy that they just don't want to be involved."

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MP demands investigation into 30-year lease

Government pays £1m a year for empty offices

BY IAN MURRAY, COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

THE Government is paying nearly £1 million a year in rent for an empty 17-storey office block that it does not want, cannot use and has been unable to sub-let. It will have to go on paying the money until 2009 unless it can find some way of escaping from a 30-year lease agreed in 1979.

The asbestos-clad tower was built for London Transport (LT) in 1971 above Archway tube station in north London. In 1978 LT let it on a 150-year lease to Hambros, who sub-let it to the Department of Social Security.

Hambros later transferred the long-term lease, which runs until 2122, to a Mr Patel and a Mr Shah, who are now paid the fixed £913,400 annual rent by the Property Advisers to the Civil Estate (Pace), the government agency that manages public buildings.

The building was originally used as clerical offices and benefits payment bureaux for the Department of Social Security. However, the Government's decentralisation policy, introduced in the 1980s, shifted clerical work to Glasgow, Belfast and Wigan. The two benefits-payment bureaux, which occupied two floors of the building, were moved to smaller local offices last March, leaving the tower empty. The rent, however, still has to be paid.

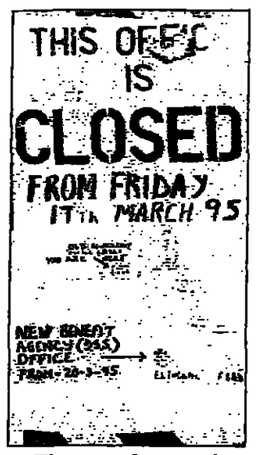
Jeremy Corbyn, Labour MP for Islington North, the constituency in which the tower stands, is calling for an investigation by the Public Spending Committee into why the department took out the 30-year lease. "It is mind boggling," he said yesterday. "We need to know why such a long-term lease was taken out when it could probably have bought the entire building for a lot less.

"As it is the taxpayer is saddled with finding nearly £13 million to pay rent for a totaly useless building. My constituents would like to see it pulled down because it is so ugly and useless. It just stands there as a monument to incompetence.

"Even when it was in use by the DSS it was totally unsuitable. The benefits offices were miles away from the area they served. People used to throw furniture through the windows in frustration while they were waiting. It is full of asbestos and it can't be properly cleaned. It costs £1 million a year that ought to be going to people on benefits."

A Cabinet Office spokeswoman said that Pace was trying to market the building and it might be converted into flats. "The trouble is that it is in need of major refurbishment and that will cost so much that it might be cheaper to go on paying the rent. This kind of problem is not unique and affects the private sector as well as the Government. There are just more offices than the country needs."

Islington Council would also like to see the tower pulled down. "It is a complete blockage on the comprehensive development of the area," a spokesman said. "It's a wasted resource, a blight on the area and the community doesn't like it."



The tower has stood empty for 15 months

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The block in Archway, north London, which residents want to see pulled down

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Five-year project to seek cause of asthma

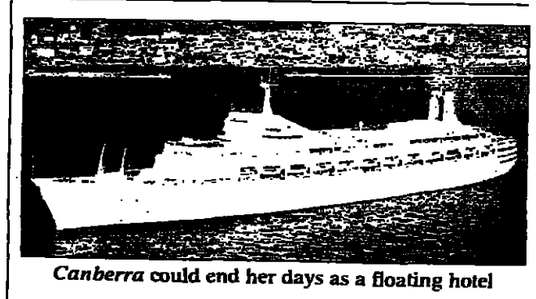
BY ANDREW PIERCE

A NATIONAL five-year, £5 million research programme to try to identify the cause of asthma will be announced today by Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, in a speech at Southampton University.

The news comes as ministers are considering upgrading the significance of asthma, which affects about three million in Britain. Mr Dorrell may give asthma a specific target in the way that breast cancer and heart disease are treated.

Figures published by the *British Medical Journal* in January showed that cases of asthma had doubled in schoolchildren in five years. One child suffering from an attack is admitted to hospital every four minutes.

Government scientists, working with the Medical Research Council, will evaluate the effectiveness of treatments such as homoeopathic medicines, drugs and the conventional inhaler. The study will also look at the effect of air pollution which, while a big factor in the aggravation of the disease, is not its cause, according to the Committee on the Medical Effects of Air Pollutants.



Canberra could end her days as a floating hotel

Buyers plan to keep Canberra afloat

BY STEPHEN FARRELL

THE cruise liner *Canberra* looks certain to escape the scrapyard when her sailing days are over. Prospective buyers plan to use her for millennium projects in Britain or a floating hotel in Australia. P&O received several inquiries a day after announcing last month that the ship was to be withdrawn from service in September next year.

The company, which holds the rights to the name Canberra and will stop any buyer operating her as a potential cruise rival, declined to disclose details of interested parties or the size of their offers.

Gwyn Hughes, managing director of P&O Cruises, said no decision had been taken about the *Canberra*'s future, but it now seemed unlikely the vessel would be sold for scrap. "We have had a significant number of approaches since the announcement. Some projects have been very interesting and might involve lottery funds to convert the vessel for millennium celebrations," he said yesterday. It is our judgment that there is a very good chance something feasible will come about before the ship goes out of service."

The 44,807-tonne *Canberra* cost £17 million to build and was the largest postwar British passenger ship when launched 36 years ago.



NEWS IN BRIEF

Crossword finalist through in 7¾ minutes

The Birmingham regional final of *The Times* Aberlour crossword competition was won by Peter Biddlecombe, 36, a computer programmer from Hyde Heath, Buckinghamshire, who solved the four puzzles in an average time of 7¾ minutes. The runner-up was Michael Clarke, 46; third was Jack Robertson, 54; the doubles title went to Paul Collacott and Andrew Bull, aged 39 and 23, in an average time of 12¾ minutes.

Crossword, page 22

Zoo's charity day

A zoo owner on the Isle of Wight who refused entry to a group of mentally disabled people because he said they would frighten his animals is to hold a fund-raising day for Mencap. The charity had criticised Jack Corney but praised his gesture yesterday.

Hang-glider hurt

A man was taken to hospital with suspected spinal injuries after two hang-gliders collided over Combe Gibbet, near Hungerford, Berkshire. Police said his condition was not life-threatening. Another person was treated at the scene.

US sailor rescued

A coastguard helicopter flew 205 miles from Sumburgh to airlift a sailor with internal bleeding on the *USS Loyal*, near the Arctic circle. The four-man crew was scrambled on Saturday afternoon after an SOS relayed by the US Coast Guard in Virginia.

Victim named

A two-year-old girl killed when a car ran across a pavement and into a shop was named as Jennifer Edgar. Jennifer, of Thirsk, North Yorkshire, was walking with her mother and two young brothers in the town centre on Friday.

Gas getaway

British Gas is offering prizes of weekends in Europe to try to cut the millions of unread meters. Four in ten bills are currently estimated. All customers who allow meter readers into their homes or read them themselves will be entered into the draw.

Village gossip

Villagers in Sharow, North Yorkshire, are trying to find out who cost the village hall fund £475 in a telephone call to a chatline lasting 20 hours and 20 minutes. The committee had already decided calls must be curtailed after its last bill of £45.

Britain saves EU from shameful compromise on Rushdie

THIS WEEK IN EUROPE

Here is good news for federalists and sceptics alike. The EU's "common foreign policy" has just avoided making a monstrously silly mistake — thanks in part to the beleaguered British stubbornly insisting on the right result.

EU governments have been struggling for years to broker a truce with the Iranian Government over that inconvenient thorn in the side of trade and diplomacy, Salman Rushdie. To America's great annoyance, the Europeans have been holding what is coyly known as a "critical dialogue" with Iran. The EU state holding the rotating presidency, currently Ireland, holds the European side of the conversation. Recently there has been a good deal more dialogue than criticism; but Iran and its proxies have gone on treating the EU as a killing field just the same.

German police recently arrested an Iranian national suspected of involvement in the murder of Reza Mazlouman, once a minister under the Shah, who was killed in Paris on May 30. Quite apart from bullets and knives aimed anywhere in the world at people who have translated or published Rushdie, the main Iranian opposition group reckons that 12 dissidents have been killed outside the borders of Iran this year alone.

Tehran has never lifted the seven-year-old fatwa against Mr Rushdie; a semi-official Iranian foundation offers a $2 million (£1.55 million) bounty to his killer. But the EU-Iran dialogue recently dreamt up a truce: Iran would confirm in writing that it had no intention of killing Rushdie or sponsoring anyone to do so. In exchange for this overwhelming act of charity, the EU would accept the "validity and irrevocability" of the original fatwa.

Now that this squalid surrender document has been torn up, almost nobody will admit to having supported such a formula. But by June 19, when the officials from the 15 EU foreign ministries who run the critical dialogue committee met in Brussels, most governments were in favour of the deal. Only Britain frontally opposed the whole idea — France, Germany, Italy and Spain were in favour.

Under a foreign policy made by majority vote, Britain would have been overruled and the EU would have been rid of the turbulent and expensive Rushdie problem.

Remember that Britain was opposed to almost everything at that stage of the non-cooperation campaign over beef. The Iranians, sensing a good moment to exploit Britain's isolation, dropped hints about the rewards waiting for governments ready to sign the pieces of paper. Germany could have a quarter of Iran's second five-year plan worth $25 billion, Iran's Ambassador to Bonn claimed. He denied that Iran supported terrorism. "London has blocked the talks, just as it is now doing with BSE."

On July 1, the day Irish diplomats took over the case, the Iranian national news agency murmured silkily that Dublin had an "ideal opportunity to improve ties with Iran based upon depoliticising the row over the apostate author, Salman Rushdie." For "ties" read trade. Ireland already sells Iran large quantities of beef.

But by then Mr Rushdie's supporters had leaked the scheme to swap letters and Mr Rushdie had dropped in on Hans van Mierlo, the Dutch Foreign Minister, while publicising the Dutch edition of *The Moor's Last Sigh*. Mr Van Mierlo agreed that the EU should say nothing that "would seem to accept the death verdict over Rushdie".

That did the trick: the scheme went in the bin. In Brussels on July 1, the British delegate to the EU's "working group on Iran" found himself suddenly popular. Delegates fell over each other to object to unprincipled commercialism as a basis for relations with Iran.

Mr Rushdie had been asked by the Foreign Office for his view of the proposed compromise and his answer cannot be printed in a family newspaper. He did reflect wearily to a Dutch newspaper that "the EU is very bored with the issue and is desperate to get it off the agenda". Mr Rushdie's liberty to stay alive plainly requires ceaseless vigilance.

GEORGE BROCK

French corruption scandals reach Chirac party funds

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

THE detention last Friday of Loïk Le Floch-Prigent — the head of SNCF, France's state-owned railway — poses an embarrassing dilemma for the ruling Gaullist party, which came to power promising a clampdown on graft but which now faces a major corruption scandal within its own ranks.

The list of industrialists already under formal investigation reads like a selection from the *Who's Who* of French business: Louis Schweitzer, president of Renault, and Gilles Ménage, former head of the state electricity company, for alleged involvement in government wire-tapping; Jean-Louis Beffa, head of the St Gobain group, for alleged "influence-peddling", and dozens more. The credibility of French business leaders received another blow in May when an international arrest warrant was issued for Serge Dassault, head of the respected aircraft-makers, by a Belgian court investigating allegations of corruption.

In La Santé prison, Paris, just a few cells from where M Le Floch-Prigent spent the weekend, languishes Jacques Crozemarie, the founder and former head of ARC, France's largest cancer research association, who is being held on suspicion of fraud over his charity's finances.

The jailed SNCF chief is suspected of abusing corporate funds, receiving stolen goods, and publishing false information and accounts to help a friend's ailing textile company when he was chairman of the oil giant, Elf-Aquitaine, from 1989 to 1993.

Meanwhile, the Government itself has become embroiled in a scandal, which some have described as a French Watergate, over alleged illegal funding of the Gaullist party through the Paris city housing authority when M Chirac was Mayor and head of the party. Public anger has been fed by allegations that the Government is seeking to hush up investigations and impede the work of magistrates.

"When judicial power is too long shackled, it can be hard to control when it is let loose. By attempting to control it, by treating judges and journalists with arrogance, the Government is botching the job," *Le Journal du Dimanche* newspaper said yesterday.

The detention of M Le Floch-Prigent is particularly embarrassing for President Chirac, who personally insisted on his appointment. So far, the French Government has defended the jailed railway boss against calls for his resignation, at least partly through fear that the SNCF rescue package hammered out by M Le Floch-Prigent will be scuppered if he goes.



Chirac promised to crack down on graft

M Chirac's Government can argue that many of the scandals date back to the Socialist era and that the latest wave of investigations is merely a fulfilment of its poll promise. But in recent weeks the law has turned its attention to those now in power.

A fortnight ago the public prosecutor of Paris abruptly dropped an investigation into claims that the Paris Mayor, Jean Tiberi, one of the leading lights in the Gaullist Rally for the Republic party, had allocated a luxurious apartment to his son when he was head of the city housing office.

In the last six months, three other party members have avoided prosecution, thanks to rulings by the same government-appointed judge.

Two anti-corruption magistrates have emerged as particularly tenacious sleuths. Eva Joly, the Norwegian-born investigator probing the Elf case, might have been expected to tiptoe round the investigation, particularly after she received a series of death threats. Instead, she demanded police protection and it was she who detained M Le Floch-Prigent last week.

Similarly, the magistrate Eric Halphen, when denied police co-operation in his investigation of M Tiberi, simply carried out the search of the Mayor's home on his own, unearthing a raft of documents, two handguns and £2,500 worth of crisp Fr500 notes.

For French politicians and business leaders alike, this may prove to be a most uncomfortable summer.



The leading steer guiding Miura fighting bulls through central Pamplona yesterday leaps over a fallen runner during the "running of the bulls" on the first day of the week-long San Fermin festival, which attracts people to the northern Spanish city from all over the world.

Pamplona tourist gored

Among those willing to risk their lives was Robert Therwell, 25, who was gored in the groin. The South African underwent an operation, but there was no immediate information as to his condition. The goring came a day after a man from Madrid, aged 50, died in Fuentesauco, western Spain, in a similar bull run.

Pamplona's festival was made famous by Ernest Hemingway in his 1926 novel *The Sun Also Rises*. Each morning six fighting bulls are let loose on an 825-yard dash along narrow streets from a corral to an arena.

An American runner was killed last summer, the first to die in 15 years; 13 have died this century. *(Reuter)*

Our man in Paris sails off to work

BY MICHAEL BINYON
DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

MICHAEL JAY will be greeted with elaborate diplomatic ceremony and naval honours when he arrives in Portsmouth tomorrow and sets sail in *HMS Manchester*.

He will disembark four hours later in Cherbourg, travelling south to take up residence as Her Majesty's envoy in one of the grandest and costliest missions in the world — the British Embassy in Paris. His unusual arrival is partly a publicity stunt, a way of matching the journey of Sir Christopher Mallaby, his precedessor, who walked to France through the Channel tunnel while it was still under construction.

But the naval arrival has a more serious political symbolism: it comes only days before the signing of a new Anglo-French naval agreement, and five days before British airmen fly down the Champs Elysées, during the celebrations of France's national day, to mark a year's existence of the Anglo-French air group. Defence co-operation with France is unprecedented in its scope, depth and amity.

Although political business is increasingly conducted down the phone by John Major and President Chirac, Mr Jay insists an ambassador's role is still vital.

Tall, spare, precise and articulate, Mr Jay, 50, has to make the key contacts, act as the go-between for British and French bankers and industrialists, brief the French press, control the spin on British policy, and report to London at the first sign of a problem on the horizon.

More immediately, he will attempt to persuade the French that they can still do business with Britain, despite the widening chasm over Europe. It would not make sense, he insists, to try to weaken the Franco-German alliance. But his mission is like that of all British diplomats over the centuries: to keep a balance of power in Europe.



Jay: ambassador's role still vital

Bonn fury as beef arrives via Italy

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

THE German Government yesterday demanded an in-depth investigation into how British beef is being infiltrated into other European Union states in defiance of the export ban.

Bonn was alerted by a cable from the German Ambassador in Rome, who reported that beef from herds that should have been slaughtered under the British culling programme was moving from Scotland and Ireland into France and then to Italy with forged health certificates.

According to the diplomatic cable, which has sent Germans into a new spiral of panic, live British cattle are also ending up in Italy and being reclassified as Italian. Behind it all, there is a "meat mafia". The ambassador's report says, in part: "Last Friday Italian police discovered a shipment of meat falsely described as potatoes."

A spokesman for the German Health Ministry said yesterday Bonn was demanding an immediate examination and explanation from the European Commission. The government of Hesse, one of Germany's 16 provincial states, has already announced an alert and is stepping up its controls on all animal and meat transports.

"If our suspicions are borne out, it will be another heavy blow against the confidence and the health protection of the consumer," said Dietmar Glasser, a State Secretary (junior minister) in the Hesse government. He and other provincial politicians are pressing Bonn to reconsider its policy on lifting the ban on British tallow, gelatine and bull semen.

The German Federal Government is allowed to uphold its national ban on British beef derivatives until September but must then, as part of the Florence compromise, allow these products to be imported. The governments of Germany's provincial states are against any such lifting, and the whole issue is likely to create a major constitutional row.

Coin reopens holy shroud debate

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

TWO scientists at Turin University claim to have new evidence that the shroud of Turin is not a medieval fake, but dates from the time of Christ's death.

Pier Luigi Baima Bollone, professor of forensic medicine, and Nello Balossino, professor of computer science, announced in the Catholic newpaper *Avvenire* that they had detected the faint impression on the cloth of a Roman coin from the reign of Tiberius. The coin, which has been dated to AD29, was above the left eye of the elongated bearded face on the cloth, the scientists said.

The Turin newspaper *La Stampa* said it was "new proof that the shroud is authentic". *Avvenire* said it was "sensational and definitive", since in AD29 Pontius Pilate was still governor of Judaea.

The shroud, kept in Turin Cathedral since the 16th century, was venerated for years as the image of Christ in a winding sheet or burial shroud. In 1988, however, an international team of experts concluded after exhaustive tests, including C14 carbon dating, that it was a medieval forgery, made between 1260 and 1390.

Avvenire said the newly detected coin, or "lepton", clearly bore the letters LIS — L for year, I for 10 and S for six. This meant the sixteenth year of Tiberius's reign, or in modern reckoning, AD29.

"This definitively resolves the question of dating," the paper said. The report said the scientists had also made out the letters TIB and CAI, the first letters respectively of Tiberiou Kaicaros, or Tiberius Caesar, with an initial C instead of K for "Caesar".

Professor Balossino said he had used the latest computer techniques and had compared the coin to Palestinian coinage of the period at the British Museum. He said it was a common Hebrew practice to place coins on or near the eyes after death.

Giuseppe Ghiberti, one of the shroud's custodians, said further tests were needed.

Man runs amok and destroys Madrid cathedral treasures

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN MADRID

A MAN believed to be mentally disturbed is being held by police after running amok in Madrid's La Almudena cathedral, causing extensive damage to sacred images and parish records. Church authorities have described much of the destruction as being "irremediable".

The 40-year-old man, who was arrested after cleaners raised the alarm, confessed later that he was in search of the cathedral's chalice. "I wanted the sacred chalice, and when I did not find it, I lost my temper," he said.

The man, who offered no resistance to police, had earlier destroyed two rosette stained-glass windows, an early 19th-century wooden statue of the Crucifixion, and an image of the Virgin from the same period, known as Madre de Dios. Ornaments on the crypt altar were also smashed.

Also slashed beyond repair was a collection of 12 etchings by contemporary Spanish artists, including the sculptor Eduardo Chillida. A cathedral spokesman was unable to estimate the cost of the damage.

The trail of destruction extended to the cathedral's office, where computers were smashed and archives torn to shreds.

The man, whose name has not been released by police, also destroyed much of the large collection of religious material on video, apparently tearing many tapes out with his teeth.

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Israeli leader's US visit overshadowed by growing claims of his partner's tyrannical ways

Netanyahu's wife steals limelight with new demands

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

FRESH disclosures about the private life of Binyamin Netanyahu, Israel's Prime Minister, and his third wife, Sara, 35, continued to dominate the Hebrew media yesterday, causing concern among his entourage that they may overshadow his first official trip to the United States, starting tomorrow.

Mrs Netanyahu — a former air stewardess turned child psychologist, whose imperious ways have been likened to those of Hillary Clinton — is reported to insisted on having a personal hairdresser at her beck and call in the US and to have sent a "shopping list" of baby requirements, including nappies, to be purchased by the Israeli Embassy in Washington.

There was concern in the Prime Minister's office last night that reports about the Netanyahus' private life, and allegations that Mrs Netanyahu subjected two nannies to tyrannical treatment, would distract from political coverage of the Prime Minister's image-building trip. There is also concern that American journalists might attempt to secure stories from Mr Netanyahu's first two wives — Micky and Fleur — and his 18-year-old daughter, Noa, who all live in America.

In a profile of the new Israeli leader, *Vanity Fair*



Ben-Yair: shouted at for eating a tomato

> "There is a shadow over them which reappears again and again. It is worrisome"

tracked Fleur, his second wife, to an investment office in New York where, although she has recently remarried, her secretary answered the phone as "Fleur Netanyahu's office". The magazine quoted Mr Netanyahu's spokesman as asking apprehensively: "Are you planning to call either of the former wives?"

The political damage that stories of disharmony in the Netanyahu household are causing Israel's youngest Prime Minister was illustrated by a commentary yesterday in the respected Tel Aviv paper *Haaretz*, the leading Israeli broadsheet. "Sara Netanyahu is trying to make her life easy when she dismisses the whole issue as a politically motivated story. There is a shadow hanging over them which reappears again and again, and it is worrisome.

"Political differences aside, all of Israel's citizens would want their Prime Minister to function in a healthy atmosphere, free from emotional shocks in his home life," wrote Amnon Danker, a columnist.

"Under most circumstances, the press should not intervene in the goings-on in the private lives of their leaders; they deserve their privacy, even in the age of direct elections and even though the leaders themselves use their families to generate positive reports. On the other hand, leaders cannot demand privacy when the press exposes worrisome human activities."

Another disclosure about Mr Netanyahu — who three years ago admitted adultery with an Israeli political consultant — involved a front-page photograph of him sharing drinks with a previously unknown Italian friend, 46-year-old Catherine Mondadori. *Yediot Aharonot* reported that their platonic relationship had pre-dated his marriages.

According to the paper, which described her as a "soulmate" of the Prime Minister's, Signora Mondadori denied that they had ever had an affair.

Last week Manchester-born Heidi Ben-Yair, 22, confirmed earlier claims that Mrs Netanyahu subjected domestic servants to obsessive and tyrannical behaviour. Miss Ben-Yair claimed she had been shouted at for eating a tomato, had been forced to work from 5.30am to midnight, and that she had resigned after only one week.

Yediot Aharonot, Tel Aviv's biggest-selling daily, meanwhile secured an embarrassing official denial that Tanya Shaw, another disaffected nanny in the Netanyahu household, had been sacked for "security reasons" — as had been claimed by the Prime Minister's office.

Raising the political stakes, *Yediot's* military correspondent reported that there had been no recommendation by Shin Bet, Israel's equivalent to MI5, to dismiss Ms Shaw, 21, who was unceremoniously ejected from the Netanyahu home eight days ago after burning a saucepan of vegetable soup. Ms Shaw subsequently painted a picture of domestic tyranny imposed by Mrs Netanyahu and her obsession with cleanliness.

The newspaper quoted a Shin Bet official as saying: "Not just any security guard can decide to fire a nanny for security reasons. There must be a proper recommendation. The closer a worker is to the PM, the more wide-ranging the investigation. Tanya Shaw also underwent such an examination."



Binyamin Netanyahu and his third wife, Sara, during May's election campaign, before allegations of domestic disharmony came to light

Mossad dossier to set peace priorities

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

A SECRET Mossad report on Syrian and Iranian involvement in terrorist activities against Israel, America and other countries will accompany Binyamin Netanyahu on his visit to Washington tomorrow.

According to the Tel Aviv paper *Haaretz*, the new Mossad chief, Danny Yatom, and the head of military intelligence were ordered to draw up the document to reinforce the Israeli Prime Minister's drive for more concerted anti-terrorist activity. It will also support his demand that a halt to terrorist activities against Israel is the sine qua non of any new peace talks with Damascus.

The week-long trip will have far-reaching regional and US political implications with both President Clinton — who openly supported Shimon Peres in Israel's May election — and the leading Republican candidate, Bob Dole, anxious to use their personal ties with Mr Netanyahu to secure the Jewish vote in the November presidential election.

Jedda: President Chirac of France, on an official visit to Saudi Arabia, yesterday urged Israel to disclose quickly whether it intends to pursue the Middle East peace process. He gave a warning that it was obvious "uncertainty will lead to a resumption of terrorism", adding: "This is not an academic theory, it is a genuine risk". *(Reuter)*

Senior Western sources predict that, despite differences over Mr Netanyahu's plans to expand Jewish settlements and his opposition to the "land for peace" formula favoured by the Clinton Administration, the two men will reinforce the two countries' traditional ties. "America itself is now convinced that Syria had a link to the Dhahran bombing, so minds will be meeting on that issue, and on the need to freeze out Iran," one diplomat said.

There are two key unresolved issues on which diplomats expect Mr Clinton to seek answers from the Israeli leader. He will want to know if Mr Netanyahu intends to pull Israeli troops out of the West Bank town of Hebron, in line with the 1993 peace deal; and whether he intends to meet personally with the Palestinian Authority leader, Yassir Arafat.

Israeli political sources said they believed that Mr Netanyahu would attempt to improve his hardline image by offering a pledge in principle to go ahead with a watered-down version of the Hebron pullout and to commit himself to a face-to-face meeting with Mr Arafat without naming a date.

So far Mr Clinton, 49, and Mr Netanyahu, 46, have deliberately played down their differences behind a barrier of clichés which American reporters will be hoping to penetrate during the host of briefings and press conferences which Mr Netanyahu has arranged. Israeli papers have played up the similarities, noting that both men represent a "new" generation, having leapt past more seasoned politicians while battling questions of marital infidelity.

They also have a language in common. Educated in America in business and architecture, Mr Netanyahu is an outspoken admirer of American ways who speaks fluent English and, like Mr Clinton, is a master of US-style politics in the television age. He has been credited with doing much in his first weeks in power to switch Israel to a more presidential style of government.

One conclusion of the talks is expected to be a dramatic switch in emphasis from the so-called "Syrian track" in the peace process towards the "Palestinian track", in which Mr Netanyahu will attempt to convince the Palestinians to accept wide-ranging autonomy over their affairs, combined with economic benefits instead of any more hope of eventual sovereignty over the Israeli-occupied West Bank, east Jerusalem or Gaza Strip.

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Support grows for Kuwaiti Christian sentenced to die

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

A BUSINESSMAN, effectively sentenced to death by an Islamic court in Kuwait for converting from Islam to Christianity, said yesterday that the disclosure of his plight by *The Times* had given him hope of survival.

Robert Hussein, 45, speaking from hiding in Kuwait, said: "It has been a miracle that I have survived for so long. Now many people have come forward to offer to help me because of your exposure of the terror I have lived with. I feel wonderful today."

The newspaper reported on Saturday that Mr Hussein had been forced into hiding after the Islamic court ruled that he was guilty of apostasy, which Islamic lawyers said was punishable by death.

Mr Hussein said earlier that he had rejected offers of large sums of money from Muslims to try to persuade him to return to Islam. He spoke as calls for action to help him spread at the weekend in Britain and America.

The growing clamour surrounding Mr Hussein also prompted criticism of the West by a Kuwaiti politician, who said the Islamic court's ruling was sound, and suggested that Mr Hussein would have to get used to it.

Britain has expressed concern over the case to Kuwait, through the British Embassy there.

Mr Hussein, once an affluent businessman but now an outcast because of his new faith, has not seen or talked to his children for seven months. His only contact with his wife has been by telephone, he said, from the house where he is hiding. Once the general manager of a family building and trading business that had $5 million (£3.2 million) in assets, Mr Hussein now fears reprisals and has had to move from house to house, mostly staying with Western expatriates.



Hussein: "Many people have offered to help"

In a bitter retort to the West, meanwhile, Khaled al-Adwa, a leading Islamic politician in Kuwait, said that the country's Islamicists did not want an international uproar over Mr Hussein. Mr Adwa, a fiery member of the powerful Islamic caucus in Kuwait's 50-seat elected assembly, said Western countries could not lecture Kuwait on human rights because they did not observe such rights, the English-language *Kuwait News* reported.

"Religious courts have the jurisdiction in matters of personal status for Muslims, so the court has already decided to declare [Mr Hussein] an apostate and there is no other alternative for this conversion, which is forbidden in Islam," Mr Adwa said.

Christian pressure groups in the United States and Britain protested strongly to Kuwait's embassies in Washington and London about the ruling.

Donald Anderson, Labour MP for Swansea East, said the Kuwaitis should reverse the ruling, and urged the British Government to intervene on Mr Hussein's behalf. "If they [the Kuwaitis] have any regard for world public opinion and their image outside, they must do something about this," he told the BBC. "Clearly it is quite unacceptable that people who change their faith are persecuted in this way and they must be embarrassed into conforming with international laws.

"The Kuwaiti Government owe us and the Western allies for their very existence as a Government now, following our intervention on their behalf with our men, with our materiel, during the Gulf War," he said.

Two die as jet engine explodes

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

A WOMAN and her 12-year-old son died on a Delta Airways jet when one of its engines disintegrated before take-off and fragments of metal sliced through the fuselage.

The McDonnell Douglas 88 aircraft was within seconds of taking off from Pensacola, Florida, on Saturday when its port engine, on the rear of the fuselage, blew apart. Anita Saxton and her son, Nolan, who were sitting towards the rear of the plane, died almost instantly after being struck by debris.

Five others were seriously injured and several people received minor injuries during an emergency evacuation.

An "obvious hole" could be seen in the fuselage of the eight-year-old plane yesterday, said Bill Berry, a Delta official. The incident was described as a "rotor burst" or "uncontained engine failure", an occasional phenomenon with jet aircraft when an engine falls apart at speed, shooting out shrapnel.

The accident came at a time of widespread American concern about airline safety after the ValuJet Everglades disaster in May, which also happened in Florida. ValuJet's aircraft are now grounded.

Delta's Flight 1288, bound for Atlanta, was accelerating for takeoff when the engine failed. It stopped 500 yards down the runway.



Quinn: hospital visit after heart scare

'Zorba' star, 80, a father again

BY QUENTIN LETTS

THE American actor Anthony Quinn, 80, has become a father for the twelfth time. His former secretary, Kathy Benvin, has given birth to a 7lb 11oz boy, Ryan Quinn, in Bristol, Rhode Island.

Mr Quinn, who was last week released from hospital after a heart scare, was described as being "ecstatic" at the news. The infant was healthy and slept in his parents' bed on the night after his birth.

Miss Benvin is the fifth woman to give the actor a child and stands to become Mrs Quinn next month once he has completed an ill-tempered divorce from his wife, Iolanda.

Mr Quinn underwent a coronary bypass operation in February 1990, but doctors said that he had a strong heart and his career would not be affected.

He won an Oscar for best supporting actor in *Viva Zapata!*, a film made in 1952 in which he played a Mexican revolutionary, and another four years later for *Lust for Life*, in which he portrayed the French painter Paul Gauguin.

His other films include *Hunchback of Notre Dame* (1956), *Requiem for a Heavyweight* (1963), *Lawrence of Arabia* (1962), *Guns of Navarone* (1961), *Zorba the Greek* (1964) and *La Strada* (1954).

Mandela should be pledging change, not more of the same

FROM R.W. JOHNSON IN DURBAN

COMMENTARY

REACHING a judgment on the achievement of Nelson Mandela as he nears the halfway stage of his presidency is no easy matter.

On the one hand he enjoys an unchallengeable authority and huge popularity in South Africa — and yet he has only a limited control over affairs of government. Similarly, he enjoys enormous status internationally but has signally failed in his constant appeals for foreign investment. And while he is universally admired by his fellow South Africans, new figures show a steadily rising curve of emigration by the skilled professionals on whom the economy crucially depends.

Mr Mandela himself is fully aware of these contradictions and of the widespread misgivings about what will happen when he hands over to his anointed successor, the Deputy President Thabo Mbeki — which is why he is now energetically trying to "sell" Mr Mbeki to British and European businessmen. In fact, Mr Mbeki is already clearly as much in charge of the Government as Mr Mandela, perhaps more — it is he who chairs the Cabinet and who attempts such policy co-ordination as exists. In the French Fourth Republic it was commonly said the President existed only to open the flower shows — *un président pour les chrysanthemums*. Mr Mandela is rather more than that, but even he insists that he is too old (now nearly 78) to be in charge of the Government, that he will be 81 when he steps down, and that already "rather than being an asset I'm a decoration".

If one asks investment bankers why there has been so little response to Mr Mandela's repeated pleas for foreign investment, one gets the succinct answer "policy drift". After more than two years in office the Government, paralysed by its wish to placate the trade unions and the Communist Party, still has no real economic strategy, merely a wish list.

Both Mr Mandela and Mr Mbeki have repeatedly announced their determination to privatise state industries, but nothing has been privatised. Education is in a mess and yet the Government shows no inclination to deal with the riotous students who have brought one campus after another to a standstill. The Health Minister promises to bring forward proposals for a national health service, but has not done so. Meanwhile, the right to free care has been extended while state hospital subsidies have been cut, bringing many hospitals to the point of collapse.

The Government's centrepiece, the Reconstruction and Development Plan, has had its ministry abolished and the plan as a whole is beginning to drop from public sight. The Minister of Housing, despite promises of a massive building programme, is putting up houses at only a third of the rate that F.W. de Klerk's Government did. The Minister of Justice constantly warns that the justice system is near breakdown, while the police confess they are almost powerless to stop the massive crime wave. And so on and on.

The Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative yesterday urged President Mandela and John Major to press Nigeria to release political prisoners and move quickly towards civilian rule (Eve-Ann Prentice writes).

The Government, which has enormous ambitions to transform and reconstruct South Africa, seems to preside ineffectually over a Wild West society it cannot control. Meanwhile, the black poor who voted the ANC into power have seen almost no real change.

Many observers blame this situation on ministerial incompetence and affirmative-action appointments. In reality, the situation is somewhat more complex. Mr Mandela has subordinated all else to the goal of national reconciliation which he so tirelessly preaches, and the ANC is also a broad church that seeks to keep together an alliance of Africanists, Communists, black businessmen, students, trade unionists, peasants and the unemployed by means of endless consultation. The result is a general squeamishness about offending pressure groups which, in turn, tends to paralyse action.

There is no doubt race relations are better than ever and that Mr Mandela's policy of national reconciliation is working remarkably well. But what Mr Mandela has conspicuously failed to do is create confidence in the future. Oddly, the two things frequently coincide: if you ask the opinion of any of the army of skilled professionals leaving the country, the chances are they would tell you they liked Mr Mandela and applauded national reconciliation.

In that sense Mr Mandela is making a mistake by reassuring investors that the transition to Mr Mbeki will mean complete continuity. The problem is precisely that what is needed is not a continuation of the present drift but some decisive action to reconfirm national priorities and cut through various policy log jams.

Nothing Mr Mandela can say would be half as effective as, for example, announcing that the Government would make appointments on merit to help to deliver real change to the black poor, launching just one major privatisation, acting firmly to restore order on troubled campuses or sacking a few of the more obviously incompetent ministers. Of such decisions there is, sadly, as yet no sign.

Clintons clear of Whitewater 'until after the election'

BY MARTIN FLETCHER, US EDITOR

KENNETH STARR, the Whitewater special prosecutor, dealt a blow to Bob Dole's hopes of winning the White House yesterday by suggesting that he was unlikely to recommend criminal charges against either President Clinton or his wife before November's election.

Mr Starr said he planned to adhere to the Justice Department's traditional practice of taking into account the effect any charges would have on the electoral process. "That's a powerful counsel for restraint," he told *The New Yorker* magazine.

The special prosecutor's comments will delight the White House, as an indictment of either the President or First Lady has long seemed the biggest potential threat to Mr Clinton's re-election. However, the article by James Stewart, author of an acclaimed book on Whitewater, also delivers a warning that Mr Starr could snare Mr Clinton in a second term. Mr Stewart reported that Mr Starr's inquiry was "heading towards the President himself", and he had considered the politically explosive step of naming the President as an "unindicted co-conspirator" in the recent fraud trial of Jim and Susan McDougal, Mr Clinton's former Whitewater business partners.

Mr Stewart also suggested that Mr McDougal's loyalty towards Mr Clinton was "wavering" since his conviction, implying he might co-operate with Mr Starr in return for a lesser sentence. "There's no reason to do anything for the Clintons because they're not going to do a damn thing for us," said Mr McDougal.

Mr Clinton was, meanwhile, giving videotaped testimony at the White House yesterday for a second Whitewater trial now taking place in Little Rock. Mr Clinton's testimony was summonsed by lawyers for two Arkansas bankers accused of illegally channelling more than $13,000 (£8,200) of bank funds into Mr Clinton's 1990 campaign for re-election as Governor.

This was the second time in three months that the President had suffered the indignity of being called as a defence witness. In April the McDougals summonsed him to testify in their trial in a bid to discredit David Hale, the former head of a Little Rock loan company and the prosecution's chief witness. Mr Hale claimed that in 1986 Mr Clinton, as Governor, pressured him to make an illegal $300,000 loan to Mrs McDougal from government-insured funds earmarked for the economically disadvantaged. Mr Clinton categorically denied the charge, but — to the President's embarrassment — the jury convicted the McDougals anyway.

The *New Yorker* article said Mr Starr's team was investigating whether Mr Clinton was part of a criminal conspiracy to obtain that loan to buy a property that would save the Whitewater Development Corporation from collapse. The article noted that the prosecutor's questioning of both the McDougals and Mr Clinton in that first trial went well beyond what was necessary to secure the McDougals' convictions.

It seemed designed to elicit information about Mr Clinton, particularly an alleged meeting at which Mr Hale claimed he, Mr Clinton and Mr McDougal agreed on the loan. Mr Clinton denied any such meeting occurred.



Major Daniel Zajac, from New York, in talks with Bosnian Serbs who were protesting over the presence of US helicopters, serving with the Ifor peacekeepers, near Han Pijesak, 35 miles east of Sarajevo.

Hunt for graves begins

Hundreds of people had blocked a road and Bosnian Serb forces threatened to shoot down the helicopters, which moved in after spotting illegal Serb heavy weapons. Civilians jostled with American troops on Saturday, believing they had come to arrest General Ratko Mladic, the Serb military leader who is based there.

Yesterday war crimes investigators completed their first day of excavation at a suspected mass grave site a few miles from Srebrenica where hundreds of slaughtered Muslims are thought to be buried. The 20-strong team, assisted by a group of local workers, cleared undergrowth from a patch of ground on a densely wooded hillside near the village of Cerska, preparing for mechanical diggers to start work today.

Earlier a team of Norwegian experts swept the hillside with mine detectors and marked out an area with yellow ribbons.

As many as 8,000 Muslim men from the enclave are still missing and presumed dead after it fell to the Serbs last July. *(AFP)*

Virgin Islands at risk

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

TROPICAL Storm Bertha advanced on a swath of Caribbean islands yesterday, heading directly for the Virgin Islands with hurricane-strength gusts.

Governor Roy L. Schneider ordered shelters to be opened for hundreds of residents still living under tarpaulin roofs following damage in last year's storms.

The eye of the storm is expected to cross over St Thomas, the main American Virgin Island, sometime today, forecasters said. Government officials and the US National Weather Service posted hurricane warnings from Puerto Rico east and south to Dominica. They told residents to expect winds of at least 74mph and high waters within 24 hours.

Bertha raced toward the islands at about 24mph — fast for a tropical storm — producing sustained winds of 70mph and gusts of over 74mph. Tropical storms become classified as hurricanes when their maximum sustained winds reach 74mph.

☐ **Acapulco, Mexico:** A violent storm that lashed Acapulco on Saturday left seven people dead, four injured and hundreds homeless, said the official news agency Notimex. The cost of damage, so far, to farms, homes and fishing was put at more than $4 million (£2.6 million). *(AFP)*

Hispanic picks up votes in Texas

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN GROESBECK, TEXAS

THE people in this hot, dusty town in rural east Texas are unaccustomed to any visits by candidates for the US Senate, still less the sort Victor Morales paid them.

He drove his battered white Nissan pick-up with a crumpled door and crack across its windscreen. In the back was his suitcase, a picnic basket and campaign leaflets.

Groesbeck, with a population of 3,185, was the sixty-second town Mr Morales had visited in 19 days. He spent an hour telling how he — a man with practically no funds and still less political experience — planned to topple the mighty Phil Gramm this November.

He took a collection for petrol money, then set off for the next stop in America's most quixotic campaign of the year. "You're either crazy or the gutsiest person I've ever met," one leathery old Groesbeck rancher told him. "Either way you'll fit in up in Washington." Mr Morales is a short, dapper, 46-year-old civics teacher at a Dallas high school whose students last year dared him to run for the Democratic nomination against two sitting congressmen and one other well-known Texan politician.

He took leave of absence from his job, withdrew $8,000 (£5,100) from his savings, and last June set off on a 60,000-mile journey around Texas.

Mr Morales, the only Hispanic running against three white men, emerged victorious as the state's first-ever Hispanic Senate nominee. He drove his pick-up on to the floor of the state Democratic convention in San Antonio to a thunderous ovation.

On the face of it, Morales v. Gramm, the current state Republican senator, is a hopeless match. Mr Morales knows he can never beat Mr Gramm at his own game, and is continuing as before. But he has caught the imagination of the public.

Bob Dole, the leading Republican presidential candidate, should be uneasy. Mr Morales could conceivably deliver America's second biggest state to Bill Clinton.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bonn warns Russia over art works

Bonn: Russia would damage its ties with Bonn if it went ahead with plans to nationalise works of art and other valuables seized from Germany in the Second World War, Klaus Kinkel, the German Foreign Minister, said.

He told *Welt am Sonntag* that proposed Russian legislation would violate international law and bilateral treaties. "Unilateral action as envisioned by the Duma would block the way for resolving mutually this difficult and sensitive matter," Herr Kinkel said. *(Reuter)*

Voting limited

Niamey: A poll to return Niger to democracy went ahead in the interior, but only government ministers and their families could vote in the capital. The public is expected to vote today. *(Reuter)*

Shuttle record

Cape Canaveral: The space shuttle *Columbia* and its seven astronauts returned from the longest flight in shuttle history, nearly 17 days, after solving last-minute problems with a cooling system. *(AP)*

Planes grounded

Wellington: Ash from Mount Ruapehu in New Zealand's North Island forced the closure of all airports north of the volcano, including the main gateway at Auckland, hundreds of miles away. *(Reuter)*

Flag protest

Manila: President Ramos ordered the prosecution of Christian politicians who reportedly urged followers to fly the national flag upside down in protest over a peace deal with Muslim rebels. *(Reuter)*

Edible edifice

Frankfurt: A 20ft tall cake built over a fountain in the central square here, for a place in the record books, was so big that it needed a special building permit. It was 18ft wide, and used 2,400 eggs. *(Reuter)*

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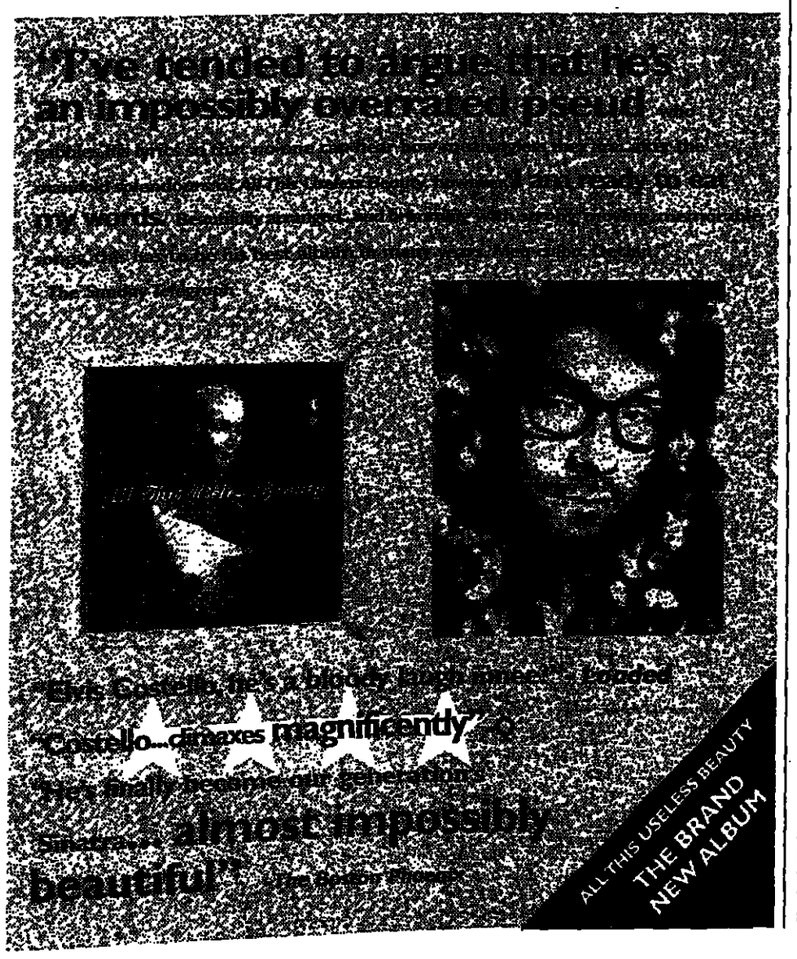
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Revealed — the truth about false memory syndrome

Scientists in the United States have discovered that the brain appears to be more active when it is recalling the truth. **Anjana Ahuja** reports

The details were stomach-churning. In 1994, Connie Sievek, a 30-year-old teacher from Metropolis, Illinois, swore on oath that she recalled her father, Larry Stegman, and another man raping, murdering and disembowelling a woman.

There was one problem for the prosecution. Connie was three years old at the time of the alleged crime, and her "memories" had been eased out by a psychotherapist whom Connie had contacted while feeling depressed. The case was thrown out and Connie's recollections — which tallied disturbingly with an unsolved death of a woman in 1967 — were dismissed as gruesome fantasies made up under hypnosis.

False-memory syndrome, of which the Stegman case is thought to be an example, has been the unsavoury flip-side to the rise in popularity of psychotherapy, hypnosis and counselling. This is why a report to be published in the August issue of *Neuron*, a journal on brain research, is so important. American scientists have discovered a way of showing the difference between a true memory and a false one.

> The brain's most secret workings can be picked out

Although they emphasise that their method could not be used in court yet — it is too complicated and expensive — the research shows that even the most secret workings of the brain can be picked out. The "memories" show up as tiny, bright blobs in brain scans, which were obtained from 12 volunteers at the Good Samaritan Regional Medical Centre in Phoenix, Arizona. The positron emission tomography (PET) scanners measure blood flow to brain cells, which is a measure of activity. Cells become active when they retrieve memories. The researchers found that a true memory results in more cerebral activity, and therefore more blobs.

On paper, the logistics of setting up such an experiment seem a nightmare. First the scientists had to get their human guinea-pigs to recall true memories, and then get them to recall false ones.

The trouble was, the subjects had to be convinced that they were telling the truth and recalling real events. After all, that is the hallmark of false-memory syndrome.

The research team, led by Dr Daniel Schacter from Harvard University, came up with a simple but ingenious idea. The 12 volunteers, all women, were read a list of words. These words were vaguely related by subject — examples are *candy, cake* and *chocolate*.

The women were then read a second list, which featured some of the words on the first list. They were asked to sort out which words had been repeated and which were impostors. Most volunteers recalled true memories. Then a third list was read out. But this time the impostors included words very similar to the original ones, such as *sweet*. These impostors fooled eight volunteers into thinking they had heard them before. As the women tried to distinguish between the original words and the impostors, their brains were scanned. The brain seemed more active in a certain region while recalling a true memory. Dr Eric Reiman, Associate Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Arizona and second author of the *Neuron* paper, says this is easily understood.

"In the case of a real word, the brain both recognised and retrieved it. In the case of an impostor word, the brain was looking at a word that was neither heard nor recalled."

Dr Reiman speculates there may be another reason for true memories stirring the brain more than false ones — our senses. For example, if you recalled smelling a rose on a summer's day, part of your memory might be the sweetness of its perfume, or how hot the day was. These sensory details are not available to somebody who didn't actually smell the flower.

As might be imagined, the effects are extremely subtle. Once the scans were made, a powerful computer program moulded each person's image into the same shape and overlaid them. "We then enhanced regions of blood flow, and the red patches generated for 12 people were put together," Dr Reiman explains.

These scans showed that both accurate and illusory memories, as Dr Reiman labels them, trigger brain activity in the region of the left hippocampus, the part of the brain involved in conscious memory. Dr Reiman and his colleagues propose that this region of the brain gives the sense that both the true and false memories are authentic.

The difference between real and imagined memories was concentrated in the temporo-parietal region, a site in the brain known to decipher sound information.

Dr Reiman explains: "This information is not available to people who have not heard the word being said." Had the words been written down, he says, then the brain might have retrieved the shape of the letters instead.

But the scientists are reluctant about this technique being used to prove or disprove whether something happened. Dr Schacter is constantly being asked whether it could be used as a lie-detector. He said recently: "I think not. It's all far too complicated."

And there are further, serious hurdles that would have to be overcome, according to Dr Reiman. "I am not optimistic about the uses of PET scanning being used in this way," he says. "The extremely subtle changes we have detected are for very short-term memory. We know that memory fades with time, and sensory memory may disappear. Real but distant recollections would be confused with false memories. Also, I think it's possible that people could be trained to produce misleading findings."

However, the technique has proved a powerful tool for studying memory. The next step will be to uncover the roots of malfunction, such as amnesia.

BRAIN IMAGES

DR ERIC REIMAN/GOOD SAMARITAN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTRE



COMPUTER-ENHANCED brain images, above, show the region of the brain involved in memory. The dark spots highlight increased blood flow, a sign of brain activity. When a word was remembered accurately, left, and falsely, centre, the left hippocampus was stimulated. But a true memory stirred additional activity in the region known to handle sound patterns, right. This hallmark of authentic memory emerged when researchers looked at the differences between the first two images. It suggests sensory details distinguish true memories from false ones.

IMAGE BANK



False-memory syndrome has been the unsavoury flip-side to the increase in popularity of psychotherapy and hypnosis

Secret listening devices stun oceanographers ☐ Farmers in Wagga Wagga fight off ryegrass

Spying from the seabed



SCIENCE BRIEFING

Nigel Hawkes

THE end of the Cold War has brought an unexpected bonus to oceanographers. A network of secret seafloor listening devices installed by the Americans to listen to the sound of Soviet submarines is being opened for use by scientists. And what they can hear is astonishing them.

In one study, Dr Christopher Clark, of Cornell University, used the microphones to follow a single blue whale for 43 days as it swam south from Bermuda and back, covering nearly 2,000 miles. Others have listened to shoals of fish, the seabed shaking as a result of tremors, volcanoes erupting, and the sound of the French testing nuclear weapons.

The oceans are a world of sound, which can travel huge distances and contains a vast amount of information. Listening to the sounds "is the same as the Hubble telescope pointing out to the stars", according to Chris Miller, who manages a series a microphones off the California coast. "Acoustics in the ocean is the equivalent of light in space. It's the one thing that can transmit for hundreds or thousands of miles," he told *The New York Times*.

The network of microphones, called Sosus (sound surveillance system), was originally installed by the US Government at a cost of $16 billion (£10 billion). Hundreds of microphones feed sound by wire and fibre-optic cable into processing stations, most of them in America but two in Britain, at Brawdy in Wales and St Mawgan in Cornwall. Some stations are staffed, while others are filled with computers that record and analyse the data, feeding it on to a central station at Dam Neck, Virginia. Once, the entire network was used to listen to the throbbing of Soviet submarines in an attempt to track their movements. How successful that was is still classified data, but slowly the American Government has begun to allow others access, using filters to remove the sounds of submarines.

Among those who have campaigned for the change in policy is the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation in Washington, whose executive director, Amos Eno, says that it might be used as an early-warning system to prevent ships from running down whales. This is a real problem: this year six right whales, the most endangered species, have been killed by ships. Research could never have paid for such a complex system, nor can it even hope to find the annual running costs, which at their peak in the late 1980s amounted to $300 million a year. But so long as the US Navy finds most of the cost, the oceanographers are happy to take advantage. To track a creature like a whale, more than one microphone is needed, listening to the sounds the whales make. Different species can be distinguished by their different sounds, and individuals tracked for thousands of miles.

There are plenty of other sounds under the sea, not all of them identifiable. Among the mysteries are sounds that the scientists call the Echo, the Carpenter, and the Woof-Woof, by analogy with familiar sounds on land. Where they come and what causes them, nobody knows.

Another use of the system will be to monitor the oceans for the sounds of nuclear explosions, as an aid to verifying a global test-ban treaty now being negotiated in Geneva. It works, as the microphones off California proved last year and early this year as they picked up the sounds of the French tests thousands of miles away across the Pacific.

The same microphones have tracked humpback whales, listening to them round the clock to check migratory patterns. "It's mind-boggling," says Dr Clark.

Weeds run rampant



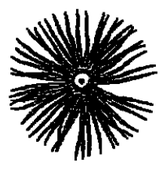
WAKE up, gardeners. Here's bad news from Wagga Wagga. Weeds are showing signs of resistance to the world's favourite herbicide, glyphosate, the active ingredient in weedkillers such as Roundup. If this spreads, there will be no cure for obstinate weeds but eternal digging, a prospect too awful to contemplate.

The resistant weed, reports the *New Scientist*, comes from a farm near Echuca, which lies on the Murray River in Victoria. The farmer last year tried to clear his fields of annual ryegrass, *Lolium rigidum*, but the weed refused to succumb. He sent seeds to Dr Jim Pratley at Charles Sturt University in Wagga Wagga, who grew plants and confirms that they are resistant to the weedkiller.

Herbicide resistance is nothing new, but for 20 years glyphosate has remained invincible. "Resistance to glyphosate was unexpected," Dr Pratley says. "But at this stage nobody knows how significant it is. It may be an isolated case or it may be widespread."

Monsanto, which sells $1.5 billion in Roundup a year, remains sanguine. It says it has seen false alarms in the past, and has usually found that the herbicide had failed to penetrate a hard surface on the leaves of apparently resistant plants. When a surfactant — a drop of washing-up liquid, for example — is added, the problem is usually solved, because that ensures that the surface is thoroughly wetted.

Dr Pratley disagrees. He says he is in no doubt that the herbicide is getting into the plant, but that it is then somehow being metabolised or stored, or simply made inoperative in some way. And if it happens in annual ryegrass, even in distant Australia, can it be long before it pulls off the same trick in convolvulus or ground elder in British gardens? That would be a nightmare.



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The Government has welcomed these proposals and the Department for Education and Employment (DfEE) has launched a consultation exercise on the development of the new provision.

A public Consultation Document seeks views on a range of issues related to the proposals. The closing date for comments is 30 September 1996.

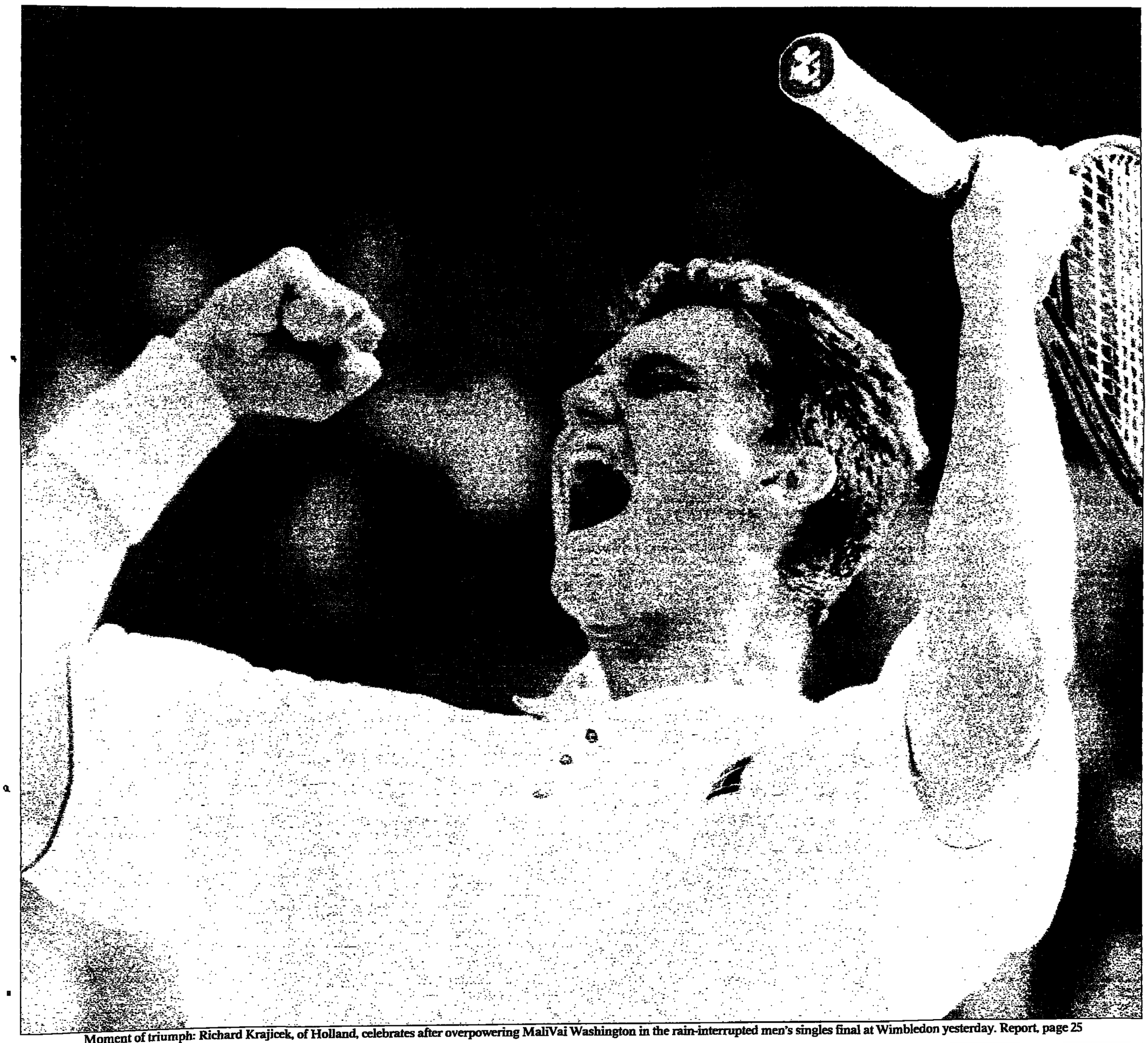
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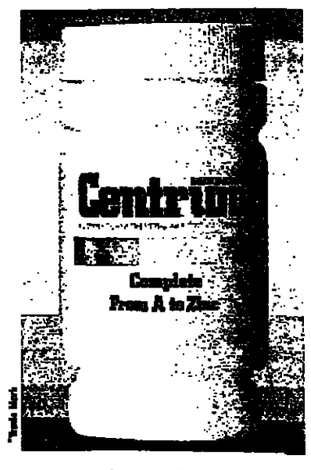
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SEASON'S MEETING

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Montgomerie has luck on his side as Oldcorn crumbles

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT, IN NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY

THE Murphy's Irish Open could not end tamely. After a week in which players had complained about everything from the amount of sand in the bunkers to the fairways being too narrow, and that it had rained enough in this part of the Republic, known as the garden of Ireland, to last for one month, the first Irish Open to be held at Druids Glen could not conclude without one last twist of drama.

Nor did it. One of the two central figures was Colin Montgomerie, who had led the support of this new course against its critics all week long, and was on a mission to make up for the indignity of missing the cut in the French Open the week before. Montgomerie on a mission is an impressive sight, much as Montgomerie at the meal table used to be before he started to lose weight. He marches with his head down, taking enormous strides. The other figure was Andrew Oldcorn, 36, who was in the last group of the day, having been the leader after 54 holes.

Oldcorn is easy to like, though Englishmen may be puzzled by his decision, after being born in Bolton, to move to Edinburgh, pronounce himself a Scot and become a rabid Heart of Midlothian supporter. His face is cheery, his belly expanding, his swing easy.

You know Oldcorn went through personal anguish when he was suffering from ME, and whereas Montgomerie lost a few more supporters with his outbursts at spectators in the third round, Oldcorn went about his business calmly all week, as quiet as a church mouse. He did cave in, however, when the pressure was applied to him as he played the closing hole.

The core of Druids Glen are the holes from the 13th to the 18th. Conquer these and you conquer the course. Over these holes Montgomerie demonstrated why he was ranked third in the world by stepping up a gear. He birdied the 14th to move to four under par and then holed from 25 feet for a two on the 17th. Two under par for six holes and a round of 68, his best of the week, deservedly took him to within one stroke of Oldcorn.



Oldcorn: double bogey

Scotland's newest recruit needed a par on the 413-yard 18th to achieve what would have been his third victory in Europe. He was up against it from the start on what is one of the harder finishing holes on the European tour, a long two-shotter played uphill to a green that is fronted by three linked ponds. Oldcorn, perhaps slightly anxious, hit his drive left and from there he chose to lay up short of water and hope to chip and putt.

His approach shot ended 25 feet below the hole, which was the good news. The bad news was that he had to play to a flag that was on a higher tier. Oldcorn's first putt raced 3½ feet past the hole, his second, a nervous, uncertain stroke back down the hill, one reminiscent of Davis Love's second putt on the 72nd green in the recent US Open, missed the hole. A double-bogey six for a 70 meant that Oldcorn fell to second place.

It was Montgomerie's eleventh victory in Europe and his second this season. It took his earnings for the year to £412,811.02, nearly twice as much as Ian Woosnam, his nearest challenger. And though it brought a smile to his face, the way it had come about gave him cause for concern.

"My heart goes out to Andrew," Montgomerie said. "I feel for him as a fellow Scot. The way it happened was very unfortunate." Montgomerie will travel to Scotland today and stay at Gleneagles Hotel while trying to win this week's Scottish Open. He is in good heart for that, not to mention the Open Championship, his ultimate prize, next week.

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279: C Montgomerie 68, 69, 73, 69. 280: W Riley (Aus) 73, 68, 73, 66; A Oldcorn 72, 68, 70, 70. 281: M A Martin (Sp) 71, 68, 72, 70. 283: R Russell 74, 70, 71, 68, I Garrido (Sp) 71, 69, 74, 69. 284: P Price 76, 70, 70, 68, R Allenby (Aus) 74, 69, 71, 70; W Westner (SA) 70, 70, 72, 72; R Willison 72, 69, 71, 72. 288: E Els (SA) 73, 70, 71, 72; B Langer (Ger) 67, 76, 71, 72; C Mason 74, 70, 74, 70; J Haeggman (Swe) 71, 72, 69, 74. 287: D Howell 73, 73, 73, 68. 288: R Rafferty 74, 72, 72, 70; D Hospital (Sp) 75, 70, 72, 71; J Townsend (US) 76, 70, 71, 71; R Burns 72, 74, 71, 71, P Mitchell 72, 72, 71, 72, M Mackenzie 75, 70, 70, 73; I Woosnam 71, 70, 73, 74; A Lyle 75, 71, 68, 74. 289: R Chapman 72, 73, 75, 69, P Baker 74, 70, 75, 70, P O'Malley (Aus) 75, 70, 74, 70; M Wills 73, 70, 74, 72; A Coltart 72, 68, 76, 73, F Nobilo (NZ) 71, 72, 72, 74, P Hedblom (Swe) 71, 68, 75, 75. 290: S Torrance 71, 72, 76, 71; J Sandelin (Swe) 74, 73, 72, 71; J Cocares (Arg) 71, 72, 75, 72, M Tunnicliff 76, 69, 72, 73, R Muntz (Hol) 73, 73, 72, 72; D Chopra (Swe) 73, 73, 69, 75. P McGinley 73, 71, 70, 76. 291: D A Russell 71, 73, 76, 71, J Bickerton 76, 71, 73, 71; C Suneson (Sp) 76, 71, 72, 72; S Ames (Trin) 71, 74, 72, 74

Faldo flies to secret hideaway

CHICAGO was hardly Nick Faldo's kind of town, but he remained in the Windy City trying to fathom what had gone wrong with his game before attempting to win a fourth Open Championship at Royal Lytham and St Annes next week.

He spent long hours on the practice ground after failing to survive the halfway cut in the Motorola Western Open, in the Illinois suburb of Lemont, concentrating on his short game, although it was the longer clubs which led to his downfall in this tournament.

Faldo flew to London last night and a secret destination on the British coast, where he will prepare for Lytham with two days of intensive practice on a links course. He is hoping that some of the wind normally associated with Chicago will accompany him across the Atlantic.

"I am not saying where I am going because I just want a quiet couple of days on my own with no distractions," he said. "I want to get accustomed to playing in the wind and the awkward bounces I can expect in the Open. My priority right now is Lytham."

Faldo has already equalled the modern-day record of three Open titles by a British golfer, set by Sir Henry Cotton. Faldo, 38, is hungry for a fourth, which would take his tally of major championships to seven.

Alfredsson enjoys first triple victory

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN COLOGNE

HELEN ALFREDSSON, of Sweden, became the first woman to win the Hennessy Cup for the third time when she rattled home a 30-foot birdie putt to beat Trish Johnson, of England, at the second extra hole at the Golf und Landclub here yesterday.

Alfredsson, Johnson and Liselotte Neumann, another Swede, were tied for the lead after 72 holes on 280, eight under par, three shots ahead of Annika Sorenstam, the defending champion. Both Neumann, who came home in 31, five under par, and Alfredsson, who had been three shots ahead of Johnson after three rounds, had birdie fours at the last to draw level with the Englishwoman.

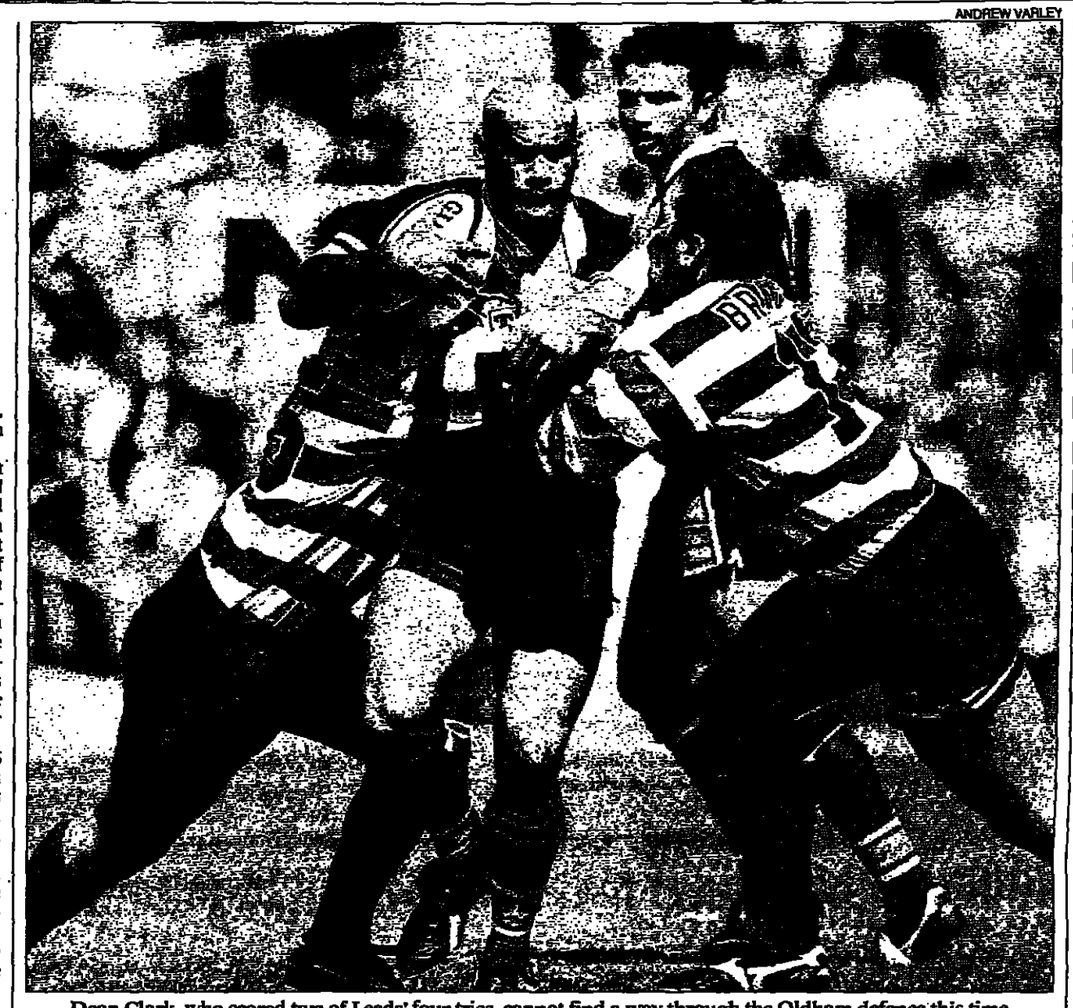
Johnson, the last non-Swede to win this title, back in 1990, was chasing her first win since back-to-back victories in the United States in 1993. Three birdies in the first four holes saw her catch Alfredsson, but in two attempts she could not squeeze what would have been the winning birdie out of the 465-yard 18th.

The play-off started at the 18th and Alfredsson had the luck of the bounce, literally, when a wayward second shot sent the gallery scattering for cover. The ball hit one woman on the head — she stayed upright and smiled when Alfredsson apologised — and rebounded onto the fairway just in front of the green. Alfredsson secured a par five, Neumann three-putted and Johnson faced a five-footer for victory. It slipped past the cup and, at the 10th, the second play-off hole, Alfredsson gave her no second chance.

As adrenalin and relief flowed in equal measure, the ebullient Swede jumped in the air to celebrate her first victory since the Evian Masters in 1994. "It means so much," the 31-year-old from Gothenburg, said. "You start doubting yourself and I began to think I didn't have the game to be in contention. In the US Women's Open I only hit two fairways and that's beyond comprehension."

It was at that Open, a few weeks ago, that Alfredsson realised her pelvis was out of alignment and, as a result, her swing plane was out of kilter. However, she was rarely too wayward on a course where she had won twice before and now she is top of the Ford order of merit with £71,250 and has moved up to twelfth place in the Solheim Cup standings.

On a dry, sunny day, ideal for golf, Dale Reid, the veteran Scot, won a Rolex watch for the best round of the tournament, a closing 66 that featured an eagle and four birdies. Laura Davies finished with a 67 that was notable for two eagles in the last six holes.



ANDREW VARLEY

Dean Clark, who scored two of Leeds' four tries, cannot find a way through the Oldham defence this time

Topping display by Oldham

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BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

THERE were 60 seconds remaining yesterday when Jason Temu, in front of Oldham's exultant supporters, crashed beneath the posts and Paul Topping's conversion sealed his side's first win at Headingley for nine years. The Leeds players sank to their knees, a position they are used to adopting. Victory looked to have been secured at 26-16 with Dean Clark's second try; yet present Leeds with a winning hand these days and the odds are on them throwing it away.

Oldham are up to sixth place in the rugby league Stones Super League after their fourth win in five matches, while relegation fears again stalk Leeds after their sixth home defeat. The exodus by another disappointing crowd of 6,754 had begun even before Topping had lined up the winning conversion.

It was a revenge for a last-kick defeat by Leeds on Oldham's last visit in the centenary season. "We just keep plugging away and were not frightened to take our opportunity," Andy Goodway, the Oldham coach, said. "This is a small squad, with one or two quality players, but we keep turning over teams full of internationals." What Leeds would give for the same spirit. Between isolated wins, their performances generally this season have been miserable.

Bill Shankly said it of a football winger, but his words might easily apply to Clark, Leeds's New Zealand stand-off half. "He's deceptive; he's slower than he looks." Clark was twice in the right place for his tries, but more often he was caught in the wrong one.

On three occasions, Clark found himself the last line of defence. Two missed tackles were responsible for Oldham tries and, as the visitors began their comeback in the last quarter, he and the otherwise impregnable Hulme were unable to prevent Munro crashing over from acting half back for his second try.

Leeds supporters have grown wise to beware good starts. Within ten minutes, Tait had scored and Clark, ambling in pursuit of a speculative kick that rebounded off the posts and into his hands, touched down to the frustration of the hapless Atcheson.

That lead was frittered in three minutes. Munro beat three tackles, and then Clark, for the first Oldham try. Maloney, impressive before limping off with a dead leg, hared off to the right corner and eluded Clark's attempt to clip his ankles.

What impetus Leeds had largely went with Shaw's disappearance due to an elbow injury. Without the hooker, Hall was put away from a scrum, but Maloney outwitted Tait in a 60-metre run to bring Oldham to within two points at the interval.

Early in the second half, Holroyd landed the fourth of his five goals and Clark touched down the scrum half's kick ahead. But the lead Leeds held from the seventh to 79th minutes was swallowed up by Munro's second try and the clinching score by Temu, the Cook Islands prop. Topping's successful goal was deserved reward for Oldham's unflagging effort.

SCORERS: Leeds: Tries: Clark (2), Tait, Hall. Goals: Holroyd (5). Oldham: Tries: Munro (2), Maloney (2), Temu. Goals: Maloney (2), Topping (2)

LEEDS: A Tait, M Golden, P Hassan, C Hall, S Tuipulotu, D Clark, G Holroyd, E Faimalo, M Shaw, B McDermott, G Mercer, A Morley, D Hulme. Subs: A Gibbons, G Mann, M Forshaw, N Fozzard

OLDHAM BEARS: P Atcheson, A Bolle, H Hill, P Topping, R Myler; F Maloney, M Crompton; I Gildart, J Clarke, J Temu, J Faimalo, M Munro, D Bradbury. Subs: P Crook, G Lord, R Guy, J Cowans

Referee: R Connolly (Wigan)

☐ Mick O'Neill, the Keighley Cougars chairman, announced his resignation to the crowd at half-time during the club's 37-10 defeat by Huddersfield, that virtually ended their hopes of promotion to the Super League.

Smith's departure a blow for Bradford

BRIAN SMITH was characteristically diplomatic about his departure from Bradford Bulls to fill the coaching job he has always had his eye on at Parramatta (Christopher Irvine writes). The sense of loss, however, extends a good deal further than Odsal, where the Australian has worked wonders in ten months.

The Super League has lost someone of vision, and not simply as a coach. As chief executive at Bradford, one of the few clubs to embrace positively summer rugby league, he is disappointed at the negativity that largely prevails elsewhere. Smith, who guided Bradford to their first Challenge Cup final for 23 years, said: "Many other clubs don't want to roll up their sleeves and make the Super League and summer rugby work."

The announcement on Saturday of Smith's departure at the end of the season, halfway through his contract — for which Parramatta are reportedly paying Bradford £250,000 compensation — was made the day after the Bulls toppled St Helens from the top of the Super League with a 50-22 victory.

Broncos Currie favour with style

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BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

MR GRUMPY is now Mr Reasonably Satisfied. Tony Currie's after-match comments, often in victory, were a sustained grumble, but the London Broncos' coach has high standards and his side is beginning to meet them and earn even occasional praise.

Currie is a hard taskmaster when it comes to effort and discipline, as players who have variously been heavily fined, suspended or ordered to leave the club have found. "When I arrived, I had to get to know the team, then I had to show them how to play to my style and then see if they had any talent," he said. "We've done that this season and it was time to let the shackles off."

The net result on Saturday night at The Valley, Charlton, was a resounding affirmation of the defensive fortitude and creative ability that had, hitherto, been seen only patchily. "I'm happy," Currie said, adding "very happy" in case nobody believed him the first time.

A top-four finish in the Super League is still an achievable ambition for the Broncos, a target now seemingly beyond Sheffield. This latest crash-landing was the Eagles' seventh away defeat. A make-do-and-mend team competed reasonably for an hour before disintegrating on the impact of London's powerful running. Five tries were scored in the last quarter.

After previous home defeats by Halifax and Bradford, London first got their defence right. Broadbent's pounce on a kick by Aston early in the second half was Sheffield's only successful way through a well-drilled Broncos' line.

Currie has shuffled his half back combination all season, but the pairing of Dynevor and Tollett is firmly established as the most dynamic one. There was also an inventive debut at full back by Tony Martin, 17, an apprentice from Brisbane, learning his trade in an impressive Academy team, which is also producing a few home-grown talents for the Broncos to draw on in future.

The backing-up of Barwick earned the centre a hat-trick of tries. Maguire's finishing, with two touchdowns, was as assured as his place kicking; he landed six conversions and Rosolen, Tollett and Allen chipped in with further tries.

SCORERS: London: Tries: Barwick (3), Maguire (2), Rosolen, Tollett, Allen. Goals: Maguire (6). Dropped goal: Pitt. Sheffield: Try: Broadbent. Goals: Aston (2).

LONDON BRONCOS: T Martin, M Maguire, G Barwick, G Struition, J Mimo, T Tollett, L Dynevor; R Bawden, T Rea, T Mestrov, D Shaw, R Allen. P Gill. Substitutes: J Bryant, S Rosolen, D Pitt, K Langdon

SHEFFIELD EAGLES: W Sovatabou, B Sodje, L Stott, K Senior, J-M Garcia, D Mycoe, M Aston; P Broadbent, M Cook, D Laughton, A Hay, D McAllister, A Farrell. Substitutes: D Lawford, D Turner, P Dixon, J Dakuitoga

Referee: S Presley

FOOTBALL

Fifa plans to scrap its golden vision

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

OLIVER BIERHOFF could earn a unique place in world football history as the only player to score a golden goal in a leading tournament. The Germany forward's effort, five minutes into extra time in the European championship final at Wembley two weeks ago, gave his country a 2-1 victory over the Czech Republic.

Euro 96 was the first leading tournament to use the golden goal experiment — where the first goal scored in extra time decides the match — but Fifa, the game's world governing body, has decided that the concept was not a success. Bierhoff's effort was the only goal scored during the period in the tournament, despite two quarter-finals and two semi-finals finishing level after 90 minutes.

Walter Gagg, technical director of Fifa, said: "We have found something which is good for women's and amateur football is not necessarily good for professionals." He said the ruling had tended to encourage defensive play.

Controversial plans to expand the European Cup Champions' League from 16 to 24 teams have been delayed for at least three years. Uefa, the game's governing body in Europe, has said that the fixture programme is already too crowded.

Walter Smith, the manager of Rangers, will seek the advice of Roy Evans, his Liverpool counterpart, during his planning for the European Cup qualifying round tie with Vladikavkaz, of Russia. Liverpool overcame Vladikavkaz 2-1 in the Uefa Cup last season. Smith said: "I will have a chat with Roy, a repeat of Liverpool's result would be fine."

CUP DRAWS

CHAMPIONS CUP: Qualifying round: Maccabi Tel Aviv (Isr) v Fenerbahce (Tur); Rangers v Alania Vladikavkaz (Russ); Panathinaikos (Gr) v Rosenborg (Nor); IFK Gothenburg (Swe) v Ferencvaros (Hun); Widzew Lodz (Pol) v Brondby (Den); Grasshoppers (Switz) v Slavia Prague (Czech); FC Bruges (Bel) v Steaua Bucharest (Rom); Rapid Vienna (Austria) v Dynamo Kiev (Ukr).
1st leg Aug 7, 2nd leg Aug 21

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Qualifying round: Chemion Humenne (Slovakia) v Flamurtari (Alb); FC Sion (Switz) v Kareda Siauliai (Lith); Olimpija Ljubljana (Slovenia) v Levski Sofia (Bul); Red Star Belgrade (Yug) v Heart of Midlothian; Karabakh Agdam (Azerbaijan) v MyPa-47 (Fin); Kotaik Abovan (Armenia) v AEK Larnaca (Cyp); FC Constructorul (Moldova) v Hapoel Kfar Rishon (Isr); Valetta (Malta) v Gloria Bistrita (Rom); MPCC Mozyr (Belarus) v FC Petrykau (Ice); FK Brann (Nor) v Shelbourne (Ire); Lansanerfield (Wal) v Rych Chorzow (Pol); Haspesi-Honved (Hun) v Sloga Jugomagnat (Mace); Varteks (Cro) v US Luxembourg (Lux); FC Universitate (Latvia) v Vaduz (Liechtenstein); Glentoran (N Ire) v Sparta Prague (Czech); Dynamo Batumi (Georgia) v Havnar Boltfelag (Faroe I); Sadam Tallinn (Est) v Niva Vinnitsa (Ukr).
1st leg Aug 8, 2nd leg Aug 22

UEFA CUP: Preliminary round: Jeunesse d'Esch (Lux) v Legia Warsaw (Pol); Lantana (Est) v Vestmannaeyja (Ice); Becej (Yug) v Mura (Slovenia); Zalgiris Vilnius (Lith) v Crusaders (N Ire); Newtown (Wales) v Skonto Riga (Latvia); Tiligul Tiraspol (Moldova) v Dinamo Minsk (Belarus); Khazri Buzovna (Azerbaijan) v Hutnik Krakov (Pol); Portadown (N Ire) v Vojvodina (Yug); Gotu Ittrottarfelag (Faeroe I) v Jazz (Fin); Akranes (Ice) v Sileks (Mace); Bohemians (Ire) v Dinamo Minsk (Belarus); Haka Fly (Fin) v Flora Tallinn (Est); Barry Town (Wales) v Dinaburg (Latvia); Dynamo Tbilisi (Georgia) v Grevenmacher (Lux); Maccabi Haifa (Isr) v Pamzan Belgrade (Yug); Hit Gorica (Slovenia) v Vardar Skopje (Mace); Croatia Zagreb (Croatia) v Tirana (Alb); Beitar Jerusalem (Isr) v Floriana (Malta); Pyunic Yerevan (Armenia) v HJK Helsinki (Fin); Sandoyar (Faroe I) v Apoel Nicosia (Cyp); Lokomotiv Sofia (Bul) v Neftchi Baku (Azerbaijan); Sembru Chisinau (Moldova) v Hajduk Split (Cro); Slovan Bratislava (Slovakia) v St Patrick's Athletic (Ire); Inovec (Slovakia) v Teuta (Alb); Anorthosis Famagusta (Cyp) v Shirak Gyumri (Armenia); Margveti Zestaphoni (Georgia) v Sliema Wanderers (Malta); Slovan Sofia (Bul) v Inkaras-Gritas (Lith).
1st leg July 17, 2nd leg July 24

LACOSTE

TENNIS: POWER GAME FINDS A WORTHY NEW CHAMPION AS MEN'S SINGLES TITLE GOES TO HOLLAND FOR FIRST TIME

Booming Krajicek proves irresistible force

DAVID MILLER



On the men's singles final



Washington at full stretch in making a forehand return as Krajicek takes control on Centre Court yesterday. Photograph: Ian Stewart

SOME said that it was a Wimbledon's men's singles final between a Mr Who? and a Mr Might Be. On the day, Richard Krajicek, becoming the first Wimbledon champion from Holland, and MaliVai Washington gave the Centre Court more rallies and as many spectacular winners as had Pete Sampras and Boris Becker last year.

Not a great climax to the championships, certainly, but here was a match more memorable than most previous finals involving an unseeded player. This will be recorded as the first between two such players, yet Krajicek, who won 6-3, 6-4, 6-3, was in effect the No 17 seed, having replaced the injured Thomas Muster, the original No 7 seed, in the draw.

Krajicek, 24 and born in Rotterdam of Czech parents, had earlier disposed of Sampras and Stich, the respective No 1 and No 10 seeds. His service power had always been likely to be a major force in this foremost of grass-court tournaments, and so it proved. Krajicek said he was surprised to be unseeded but understood, even though ranked No 13 on the computer, because of his poor previous Wimbledon record.

Yesterday he struck 14 aces, the fastest timed at 129mph when taking a 3-1 lead in the third set. Krajicek thought that against Sampras he had perhaps served even better. "But today, I served big when it counted," he said. "I think that's the most important. You can hit 20 aces in a match, and they were like bad aces, and you can hit 10 aces and they were on the big points. Today was a good day." His consistency had overpowered Sampras and Stich in straight sets, then Stoltenberg in the semi-final and now Washington. Only Steven, of New Zealand, had managed to take a set from the Dutchman in seven rounds.

Krajicek reflected that the draw had been helpful, not giving him tough matches in the first two rounds. "I've lost the last two years in the first two rounds, so I was pretty anxious about my first match," he said. "I don't feel like a great grass-court player, but I felt I should win at least a couple of rounds in Wimbledon. I think also my game just improved, that I now have more shots on grass.

"It's not only the serve. I think my footwork also improved, so I'm moving better around the grass, because it's pretty slippery and I'm almost two metres [tall]."

Krajicek made a formidable start yesterday, dropping only two points as he raced to a 3-0 lead and breaking Washington to 15 in the second game. In the fourth, Washington characteristically dug in, saving three break-points with big serves to hold the game, but that single break was enough to concede the first set.

In the second, the score was 1-1 and 30 all when rain halted play for half an hour. Back they came for five minutes, only to retreat again after another eight points. Back on court, Washington held his ground for four games, but at 4-4 surrendered his service on the third of three break points. Two aces and a sizzling cross-court backhand gave Krajicek the set.

At 1-4 down in the third, Washington silenced the mounting shrieks from Dutch supporters when he broke back after one hour and 23 minutes of play, but one more game saw the end of his worthy resistance. The Dutchman simply held too many weapons. Some of his forehand drives and volleys were almost as devastating as his service.

"I think that was the difference in the match," Washington said, "and one of the reasons why Richard had so much success here. When you're serving like that, heck, all you have to do is hold out ... and boom, mother, you're there."

Washington denied that the breaks in play had affected him. "It didn't put me off at all," he said. "I was down most of the match, and I was kind of looking at it as an opportunity. Maybe I could get a little momentum change."

Other than Boris Becker, when winning aged 17 against Kevin Curren, all other unseeded finalists lost in straight sets: Lewis v McEnroe (1983), Bungert v Newcombe (1967), Stolle v McKinley (1963), Mulligan v Laver (1962), Laver v Olmedo (1959), Nielsen v Trabert and Seixas (1955 and 1953), and Allison v Tilden (1930). Washington, from Florida, is in notable company.

When he stands motionless, his finely sculpted frame bent slightly forward prior to serving, Washington has the timeless grace of a bronze Olympic statue. From the start, he had the crowd's sympathy: the classic Wimbledon underdog. He hit some superb backhands, particularly in his only break of service at 1-4 down in the third set. Unfortunately for him, he was facing the man who has genuinely been the supreme player of this event.

Well might Washington say afterwards: "When you can come into a tournament with everyone there, the best players, and it's a grand slam, and you're still standing on the last day ... I look at that and say, for the fortnight I was the second-best player in the world." He is entitled to his sense of satisfaction.

He had achieved the impossible when coming back from 1-5 down in the final set against Todd Martin in Saturday's semi-final, and his honourable performance yesterday provides a role model among black people in America, indeed everywhere. There are few others on the circuit, Brian Shilton, Todd Nelson and Steve Campbell among them. With American society so television-orientated, Washington's achievement and exposure, following that of the former champion, Arthur Ashe, can perhaps convince kids in the inner-city ghettos that there is a future awaiting them in tennis as well as basketball, football and track.

'The Dutchman simply held too many weapons'

☐ Amelie Mauresmo, of France, won her second junior grand-slam singles title in a month when she took the girls' singles title at Wimbledon yesterday. Mauresmo, winner of the French Open junior title last month and seeded No 10, beat the unseeded Maria Serna, of Spain, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Misspent youth earns a final reward for private champion

Simon Barnes on how victory revealed the character of a surprise winner

You can keep your private parts private in most places, but not on the Centre Court. The day began with a streaker, comely and female, trotting across the sward and lifting her only garment, a white apron, to show all those who cared exactly what she was made of.

Richard Krajicek then proceeded to do roughly the same thing. In fact, as the events of the afternoon, the incessant and exasperating rain delays and the sheer bloody-minded courage of his opponent, MaliVai Washington, stripped away the layers of his personality, you suspected Krajicek was revealing parts of himself that were so private that he himself did not know he possessed them.

He is one of those athletes who began fairly sizzling with promise, but whose career somehow missed its trajectory. He is the son of an overbearing and bullying tennis parent — I know this sounds like a tautology, but this was a childhood strained even by tennis standards. He started playing at three, has been with the Dutch federations since he was six, and by nine he was having tennis tournaments instead of holidays.

It is the sort of childhood that has broken many, and Krajicek has not come through it unscathed. He has taken refuge more than once in injury. For the stressed and oppressed athlete, there is sweet relief in an injury. In strained and torn soft tissue lies one of the few comfortable places to be found in his world: a place free from recrimination, free from guilt, free from blame.

Krajicek's best grand-slam result before his victory at Wimbledon yesterday was to reach the semi-finals of the Australian Open in 1992. He forfeited the match with a shoulder injury. He is at present ranked 13, and grass is a surface that suits his huge-serving game. However, he was unseeded at Wimbledon this year because of a tendency to go out in the first round; he managed that two years running and was fearful that this would be a third.

'It was the hottest of hot streaks'

This was clearly a man who sinks to the big occasion. In fact, the most notable thing Krajicek has done at Wimbledon was a few years ago to announce that all women tennis players were "lazy fat pigs" and that they were not worth their prize-money. This callow bit of attention-seeking seemed to sum Krajicek up for all time: a man to decorate the peripheries of the big tournament, but doomed to remain always a certain distance from the centre.

But as this strange Wimbledon has progressed, and the seeds failed to germinate and the stars were eclipsed, Krajicek has found himself, to his amazement, growing to fill the space available.

Washington came in as the underdog and the crowd's favourite. Always on grass, when a big server plays a touch-and-speed man, the server finds himself cast in the role of bully. Krajicek embraced the role and the moment.

And after the last rain-break, he showed himself one of the great flat-track bullies of recent years. Reeling off 12 successive points, he broke Washington twice over and never looked like losing from there. It was the hottest of hot streaks and it was quite devastating: you wondered what he had consumed in the interval. Whatever it was, I'll have a large one.

Washington, as modest in defeat as he had been brave in combat, praised the developments in his opponent's game. "More consistent," he said. "He doesn't give you free points any more." Clearly, then, the progression Krajicek has made has been mental rather than technical. His game has become grown-up.

He follows that monster service with crisp and constant volleying. Was there even a whiff of Edberg in some of those airborne backhands? "If he continues to play like that, he could go to the top," Washington said.

Krajicek was in that mood of terrible emotional flatness that only great achievments can give you. Shocked into a kind of deadness, he spoke mainly of his relief at not getting knocked out in the first round again. But in one revealing aside, he spoke of the emotion of disbelief that hit him a split second after the delight of his match point. He was hit by the awful thought that maybe it was not match point after all, and he was rolling about in the grass for no reason. "For a split second I thought I was making a fool of myself."

But it was really victory, and it really was him. How extraordinary: to watch, between delays for rain, as a person stripped away layer upon layer of callowness, finally to stand revealed, as a person of substance.



Krajicek sends down one of his trademark services

WIMBLEDON'S NEW KING OF SPEED

ACE SERVERS	
RICHARD KRAJICEK	147
ALEX RADULESCU	133
GORAN IVANISEVIC	115
MALIVAI WASHINGTON	81
TODD MARTIN	72
PETE SAMPRAS	69
MICHAEL STICH	61
GREG RUSEDSKI	60
JASON STOLTENBERG	55
TIM HENMAN	50

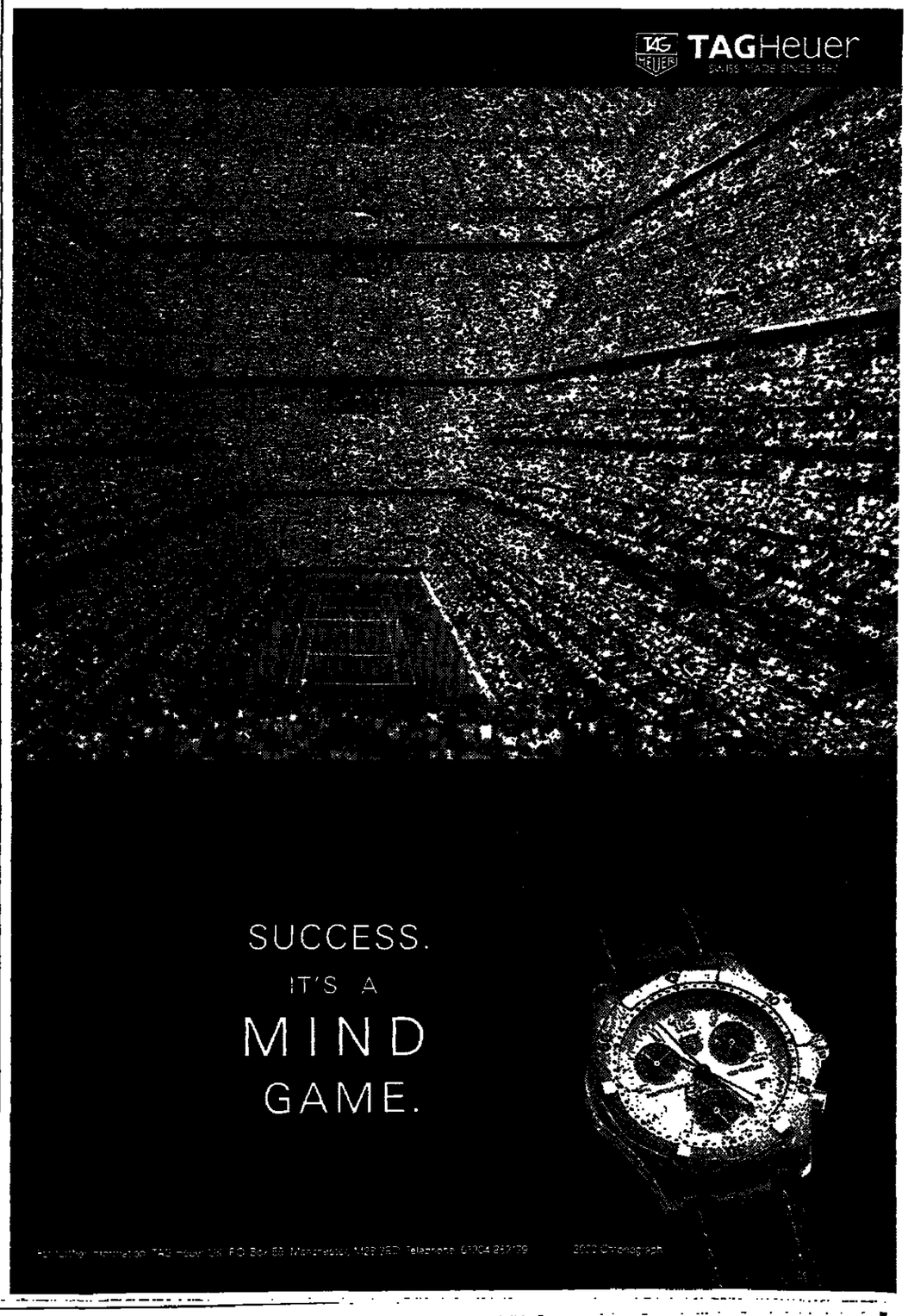
The fastest recorded men's service is 137mph, by Greg Rusedski. Krajicek's fastest serve is 134mph

THE CHAMPION'S WIMBLEDON RECORD
1991 3rd round
1992 3rd round
1993 4th round
1994 1st round
1995 1st round
1996 Champion

Krajicek's fastest serve, of 131mph, came during his quarter-final against Pete Sampras. The average speed of his first service was 118mph. Krajicek's fastest second service was 113mph, recorded in the final yesterday, and the average speed of his second service was 99mph

KRAJICEK'S PATH TO THE TITLE
1st round: bt J Sanchez 6-4, 6-3, 6-4
2nd round: bt D Rostagno 6-4, 6-3, 6-3
3rd round: bt B Steven 7-6, 6-7, 6-4, 6-2
4th round: bt M Stich 6-4, 7-5, 6-4
Quarter-final: bt P Sampras 7-5, 7-6, 6-4
Semi-final: bt J Stoltenberg 7-5, 6-2, 6-1
Final: bt M Washington 6-3, 6-4, 6-3

Krajicek is 24, 6ft 5in, and a right hander. He is ranked 13th in the world



TENNIS: AUSTRALIANS MAKE WIMBLEDON HISTORY WITH THEIR FOURTH SUCCESSIVE TITLE AS WEATHER DISRUPTS SCHEDULE

'Woodies' confirm place among finest double acts

By Alix Ramsay

THE pundits and the gurus have taken something of a hiding this year at Wimbledon. With seeds disappearing over the rain-drenched horizon at a rate of knots, nobody knew where to look next for the likely winners. The doubles, however, provided a little sanity and comfort. Two weeks ago, few would have bet against Mark Woodforde and Todd Woodbridge retaining their crown and, on Saturday evening, they did just that, the first team to win four successive men's doubles titles.

It was one of their most impressive displays so far on Centre Court. They dropped the first set against Byron Black, from Zimbabwe, and Grant Connell, from Canada, but then played near-perfect tennis to win 4-6, 6-1, 6-3, 6-2. It overshadowed the achievements of their Australian elders, Tony Roche and John Newcombe, who won five times at Wimbledon, but never managed to dominate the event four years running.

Not that their success came as a surprise to anyone, least of all the Woodies themselves. They have been planning for this since the start of the year, making their way to SW19 with their eyes firmly fixed on the record-books. After the disappointment of losing in the semi-finals of the French Open last month, this win meant that much more to them both.

"If ever you are part of a piece of history, I think that's very, very memorable," Woodforde said. "I think this is the best we have played in the four finals here. I think both of us have struggled mentally through the whole tournament and we've just really hung in with each other. It's the first time anyone has done it since the turn of the century and it's little old us that's done it."

When it comes to Wimbledon and history, John McEnroe is never far away. In 1990, Woodforde was partnering McEnroe while Woodbridge played with Jason Stoltenberg. McEnroe, thinking of calling it a day, offered a few tips on who Woodforde might partner next. Woodbridge's name was mentioned in dispatches.

"I was looking for someone a bit younger," Woodforde said, "and Todd was looking for someone a bit older with a bit more experience." His trainer started talking to Woodbridge's coach, a deal was struck, and the four men are now part of a record-breaking team.

The only thing that might have scuppered the Woodies' run was the rain. In 1992, they lost in the semi-finals after a wet and miserable championships. In the past three years, Wimbledon had been a rain-free zone and the Australians had basked in the sunshine, but this year they spent as much time in the locker-room watching the weather forecast as they did on court.

"I think that was in our minds the whole way through, that we could have got to the final in '92 and didn't," Woodbridge said, "but we had delays in the third round, the quarters and the semis this year, and every time we came back on court we played great from the very first point."

The rain has played havoc with the doubles schedules, leaving the referees to pack in matches whenever there has been a spare court, a few dry moments and four players available at the same time. Late on Saturday evening, Arantxa Sánchez Vicario suffered her second defeat of the day as she and Jana Novotna, the defending champions, lost to Martina Hingis and Helena Sukova in the quarter-finals of the women's event.

Back on court bright and early yesterday, Hingis and Sukova were put to work by Liz Smylie and Linda Wild and were forced to go the distance against the Australian-American team, eventually booking their place in the final 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

The winners' cheques are generally viewed as recompense for two weeks' work only, but the mixed doubles teams might think about putting in for overtime as the finals of that competition will be held today, the third Monday — if the backlog of matches leading up to the final encounter can be cleared.

Whenever it is played, Martina Navratilova will have no part of it. Defending her title here and partnered by Jonathan Stark, she lost to Connell and Lindsay Davenport 7-6, 7-6. Navratilova had been hoping to claim her twentieth title at Wimbledon, matching Billie Jean King's record. Never mind, there is always next year.

STUART MACFARLANE



Back on familiar territory. Woodbridge, left, and Woodforde accept the applause from the lofty heights of the royal box on Centre Court

Lee decides to mix it with the big boys at last

By Alix Ramsay

THE time has come, according to Martin Lee, to stop being a big fish in a small pond and risk becoming a minnow in an altogether larger body of water. Lee, who is the top-ranked junior in the world, was knocked out of the boys' singles at Wimbledon on Saturday, losing to Ivan Ljubicic, from Croatia, 7-5, 6-4. The defeat was no disgrace: Ljubicic went on to beat the No 2 seed, Peter Wessels, from Holland, to make his way to the final.

That made up for defeat at the hands of Wessels in the ITF junior event at Roehampton last week, but asked to go one step further, Ljubicic fell at the final hurdle. He was beaten by the No 6 seed, Vladimir Voltchkov, from Belarus. He lost 3-6, 6-2, 6-3 in a little over 1½ hours.

Lee, meanwhile, now has his mind on other things. His first taste of playing on the senior circuit came at Queen's Club three weeks ago, when he was beaten in the first round. Nevertheless, it gave him a taste of life in the grown-ups' world and he discovered that he liked it. Lee's next target is the Bristol Challenger next week, where he has been given a wild card.

All things considered, it was not the greatest of weekends for Lee. Not only is he the top junior in singles, but he is also the best young doubles player in the world as well. Alongside James Trotman, he won the Wimbledon junior doubles last year and was heading happily towards the All England Club to defend his title until Trotman was forced to withdraw with a wrist injury.

In a scratch pairing, he teamed up with David Sherwood, from Sheffield, and they fought through to the semi-finals before losing 7-6, 7-6 to the No 2 seeds, Damien Roberts and Wesley Whitehouse, from South Africa. But there is time yet for Sherwood, who only turned 16 at the start of the month, and when it comes to professional sport, there is not much he does not already know.

Sherwood comes from a family of sportsmen. His father, John, won the bronze medal in the 400 metres hurdles in the 1968 Olympics, while his mother, Sheila, won the silver medal in the long jump at the same Olympics.

Young David has also been around the sports himself, signing schoolboy forms with Sehffield Wednesday before deciding to trade in his football boots for a tennis racket and moving to Bisham Abbey to be coached by Ian Barclay.

The rest of the British hopefuls also failed to get beyond the semi-finals, with Ben Harran, from Alton in Hampshire, and Simon Pender, from Penzance, losing to the top seeds, Daniele Bracciali, from Italy, and Jocelyn Robichaud, from Canada, 6-4, 6-3.



Navratilova raises a smile as she walks off No 1 Court after her dream of a twentieth Wimbledon title had been dashed yesterday

RESULTS FROM THE ALL ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men's singles

Winner: £392,500

Runner-up: £196,250

Holder: P Sampras (US)

Semi-finals

M Washington (US) bt T MARTIN (US) 5-7, 6-4, 6-7, 6-3, 10-8

R KRAJICEK (Holl) bt J Stoltenberg (Aus) 7-5, 6-2, 6-1

Final

KRAJICEK bt Washington 6-3, 6-4, 6-3

Women's singles

Winner: £353,000

Runner-up: £176,500

Holder: S Graf (Ger)

Final

S GRAF (Ger) bt A SÁNCHEZ VICARIO (Sp) 6-3, 7-5

Men's doubles

Winners: £160,810

Runners-up: £80,400

Holders: T A Woodbridge and M Woodforde (Aus)

Semi-final

T A WOODBRIDGE and M WOODFORDE (Aus) bt M PHILIPPOUSSIS and P RAFTER (Aus) 6-3, 7-6, 7-6

Final

WOODBRIDGE and WOODFORDE bt B BLACK (Zim) and G CONNELL (Can) 4-6, 6-1, 6-3, 6-2

Women's doubles

Winners: £139,040

Runners-up: £69,300

Holders: J Novotna (Cz) and A Sanchez Vicario (Sp)

Quarter-finals

G FERNANDEZ (US) and N ZVEREVA (Belo) bt Y BASUKI (Indo) and C M VIS (Holl) 6-1, 6-4

M HINGIS (Switz) and H SUKOVA (Cz) bt J NOVOTNA (Cz) and A SANCHEZ VICARIO (Sp) 3-6, 7-6, 6-3

Semi-finals

M J McGRATH (US) and L NEILAND (Lat) bt FERNANDEZ and ZVEREVA 6-4, 3-6, 11-9

HINGIS and SUKOVA bt P D SMYLIE (Aus) and L M WILD (US) 6-4, 4-6, 6-4

Mixed doubles

Winners: £68,280

Runners-up: £34,140

Holders: J Stark and *M Navratilova (US)*

Third round

C SUK and H SUKOVA (Cz) bt D MacPherson and R McQuillan (Aus) 6-1, 4-6, 6-3

P GALBRAITH and P H SHRIVER (US) bt J Eagle and A Ellwood (Aus) 6-2, 6-4

G CONNELL (Can) and L A DAVENPORT (US) bt M KEIL and L M McNEIL (US) 6-2, 6-0

M WOODFORDE (Aus) and L NEILAND (Lat) bt M J Bates (GB) and N Bradtke (Aus) 6-4, 6-4

Quarter-finals

C J van Rensburg (SA) and L Golarsa (It) bt R Bergh (Swe) and K Po (US) 6-4, 6-4

CONNELL and DAVENPORT bt J STARK and M NAVRATILOVA (US) 7-6, 7-6

Men's Over-35 doubles

Winners: £13,250

Runners-up £10,500

Holders: P McNamara (Aus) and L Shiras (US)

First round

J B Fitzgerald (Aus) and R Tanner (US) bt A Amritraj and V Amritraj (India) 6-4, 6-1

W J Fibak (Pol) and T Wilkison (US) bt P Fleming and H Pfister (US) 6-4, 6-4

A A Mayer and G Mayer (US) bt A M Jarrett and J R Smith (GB) 6-3, 6-2

K Curren and J C Kriek (US) bt C Dowdeswell and C J Mottram (GB) 6-2, 6-7, 6-4

Semi-finals

P Slozil and T Smid (Cz) bt Fitzgerald and Tanner 6-3, 7-5

Fibak and Wilkison bt M R Edmondson and K Warwick (Aus) 7-6, 6-7, 6-4

Final

Fibak and Wilkison bt Slozil and Smid 6-2, 5-7, 6-1

Men's Over-45 doubles

Winners: £10,500

Runners-up £8,250

Holders: J D Newcombe and A D Roche (Aus)

Semi-finals

M C Riessen and S E Stewart (US) bt I Nastase (Rom) and T S Okker (Holl) 6-3, 7-5

J G Alexander and P C Dent (Aus) bt R A J Hewitt and F D McMillan (SA) 6-0, 7-6

Final

Alexander and Dent bt Riessen and Stewart 7-6, 6-2

Women's Over-35 doubles

Winners: £9,400

Runners-up £7,200

Holders: W M Turnbull (Aus) and S V Wade (GB)

First round

Boys' singles

Holder: O Mutis (Fr)

Quarter-finals

V Volchkov (Belo) bt N Massu (Chile) 7-5, 2-6, 8-6

P Wessels (Holl) bt P Srichaphan (Thai) 6-4, 6-4

I Ljubicic (Cro) bt M Lee (GB) 7-5, 6-4

J Crabb (Aus) bt J R Brandt (Ger) 7-6, 6-3

Semi-finals

Ljubicic bt Wessels 7-5, 6-4

Volchkov bt Crabb 6-4, 1-6, 6-3

Final

Volchkov bt Ljubicic 3-6, 6-2, 6-3

Girls' singles

Holder: A Olsza (Pol)

Quarter-finals

N Dechy (Fr) bt S Reeves (US) 6-3, 7-5

M Sema (Sp) bt M Jaon (S Kor) 6-4, 6-7, 6-2

Semi-finals

A Mauresmo (Fr) bt A G Sidot (Fr) 6-4, 6-3

Sema bt Dechy 7-6, 6-1

Final

Mauresmo bt Sema 4-6, 6-3, 6-4

WOMEN'S PLAYBACK: Final: J M Durie (GB) and A E Smith (US) bt M Jausovec (Slovenia) and Y Vermaak (SA) 6-3, 6-2

MEN'S SINGLES

First round	Second round	Third round	Fourth round	Quarter-finals	Semi-finals	Final
(1) P Sampras (US) v R Reneberg (US)	Sampras					
M Philippoussis (Aus) v J Frana (Arg)	Philippoussis	Sampras				
K Goossens (Bel) v B Black (Zim)	Black		Sampras			
K Alami (Mor) v K Kucera (Slovakia)	Kucera	Kucera				
J Kroslak (Slovakia) v A Foster (GB)	Kroslak			Sampras		
C Wilkinson (GB) v A Jarryd (Swe)	Wilkinson	Kroslak				
L Paes (India) v M Petchey (GB)	Petchey		Pioline			
J Siemerink (Holl) v (16) C Pioline (Fr)	Pioline	Pioline				
(10) M Stich (Ger) v S Schalken (Holl)	Stich				Krajicek	
C Ruud (Nor) v S Matsuoka (Japan)	Matsuoka	Stich				
S Stolle (Aus) v D Nargiso (It)	Stolle		Stich			
M Woodforde (Aus) v M Larsson (Swe)	Larsson	Stolle		Krajicek		
D Nestor (Can) v G Rusedski (GB)	Rusedski					
D Kempers (Holl) v B Steven (NZ)	Steven	Steven				
D Rostagno (US) v J van Herck (Bel)	Rostagno		Krajicek			
J Sánchez (Sp) v (17) R Krajicek (Holl)	Krajicek	Krajicek				Krajicek
(4) G Ivanisevic (Cro) v D Nainkin (SA)	Ivanisevic					
P Bouteyre (Fr) v C Moya (Sp)	Bouteyre	Ivanisevic				
L Manta (Switz) v A Volkov (Russ)	Volkov		Ivanisevic			
O Ogorodov (Uzb) v M Damm (Cz)	Damm	Volkov		Ivanisevic		
G Pozzi (It) v J Cunha-Silva (Por)	Pozzi					
P Rafter (Aus) v D Vacek (Cz)	Rafter	Rafter				
A Olhovskiy (Russ) v H Dreekman (Ger)	Olhovskiy		Rafter			
S Draper (Aus) v (14) M Rosset (Switz)	Rosset	Rosset				
(12) S Edberg (Swe) v G Forget (Fr)	Edberg				Stoltenberg	
M Tillstrom (Swe) v M Göllner (Ger)	Tillstrom	Tillstrom				
M Tebbutt (Aus) v A Cornetja (Sp)	Cornetja		Hlasek			
A Chesnokov (Russ) v J Hlasek (Switz)	Hlasek	Hlasek				
J Renzenbrink (Ger) v J Novak (Cz)	Novak			Stoltenberg		
J Stoltenberg (Aus) v A Volnea (Rom)	Stoltenberg	Stoltenberg				
M Navarra (It) v D Rikl (Cz)	Navarra		Stoltenberg			
A Costa (Sp) v (6) M Chang (US)	Costa	Navarra				
(5) Y Kafelnikov (Russ) v T Henman (GB)	Henman					
P Tramacchi (Aus) v D Sapsford (GB)	Sapsford	Henman				
J Bjorkman (Swe) v L Mitigan (GB)	Mitigan		Henman			
K Carlsen (Den) v N Lapenti (Ecu)	Lapenti	Milligan		Henman		
T Woodbridge (Aus) v S Huet (Fr)	Woodbridge					
M Gustafsson (Swe) v A Ilie (Aus)	Gustafsson	Gustafsson				
M Joyce (US) v A Gaudenzi (It)	Gaudenzi		Gustafsson			
B Pringali (Ger) v (11) W Ferreira (SA)	Ferreira	Ferreira				
(13) T Martin (US) v M Ondruska (SA)	Martin				Martin	
E Sanchez (Sp) v J Grabb (US)	Grabb	Martin				
R Furlan (It) v A Medvedev (Ukr)	Furlan		Martin			
C Beecher (GB) v N Gould (GB)	Beecher	Furlan		Martin		
H Arazi (Mor) v N Kulti (Swe)	Arazi					
T Johansson (Swe) v J Eltingh (Holl)	Johansson	Johansson				
J Palmer (US) v T Champion (Fr)	Palmer		Johansson			
D Flach (US) v (3) A Agassi (US)	Flach	Flach				
(8) J Courier (US) v J Stark (US)	Stark					
M Knowles (Bah) v J Gotmard (Fr)	Knowles	Stark				
F Mantilla (Sp) v P Haarhuis (Holl)	Haarhuis		Haarhuis			
M J Bates (GB) v N Pereira (Ven)	Pereira	Haarhuis				
B Ullrhach (Cz) v C Costa (Sp)	Ullrhach			Washington		
F Dewulf (Bel) v F Spadea (US)	Dewulf	Ullrhach				
R Fromberg (Aus) v M Washington (US)	Washington		Washington			
A Chang (Can) v (9) T Enqvist (Swe)	Enqvist	Washington				
(15) A Boetsch (Fr) v A Radulescu (Ger)	Radulescu				Washington	
S Pescosolido (It) v C Woodruff (US)	Pescosolido	Radulescu				
D Wheaton (US) v F Ferreriein (Den)	Wheaton		Radulescu			
G Raoux (Fr) v Y el Anaoui (Mor)	Raoux	Wheaton				
G Stafford (US) v S Noszaly (Hun)	Stafford			Radulescu		
N Godwin (SA) v C Caratti (It)	Godwin	Godwin				
F Clavet (Sp) v T Carbonell (Sp)	Carbonell		Godwin			
J Fleurian (Fr) v (2) B Becker (Ger)	Becker	Becker				

Champion
R Krajicek (Holl)

CRICKET: BOLD BATTING, FICKLE FATES AND PLACID PITCH COMBINE TO FRUSTRATE SRINATH

Atherton still setting lofty targets

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

TRENT BRIDGE (third day of five): England, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 199 runs behind India

MICHAEL ATHERTON believes that all things remain possible over the coming two days in Nottingham and, on a strictly personal level, he is correct. Nothing need be beyond his ambitions against the record books this morning. On a pitch of numbing torpor, however, the one thing that does not seem possible is a positive outcome to this final Cornhill Test.

England lost only one wicket — and that to a bad umpiring decision — in an entire day of batting on Saturday. Only with their last run of the day, though, did they avoid the theoretical threat of following on and they remain the equivalent of two productive sessions behind India. It takes a supreme optimist to devise a winning scenario for either side from this stalemate, but Atherton, who was yesterday reappointed England captain for the coming series with Pakistan, is playing the part gamely.

"We can still win it," he said. "First, we must aim to bat for



Hussain: confident

another four sessions. The pitch is still playing well but it's a mind game and the mind can play some funny tricks on you when you are under pressure. If we can get them in for the last two sessions on Tuesday, anything can happen." It was heartening upbeat talk, as one might expect from a man enjoying his rest day unbeaten on 145. The practicalities are somewhat less promising.

The truth is that Trent Bridge has provided a pitch to strangle the life out of this game. It is as stacked against the bowlers as was the Oval last August, when only 22 wickets fell in five days of a Test against West Indies, and the outcome is liable to be the same. Frank Dalling, who spent many years as assistant groundsman to Ron Allsopp, feared beforehand that his first solo Test pitch would be a batting benefit and he has been proved right.

Eleven wickets have fallen in three days. Each, on average, has cost 77 runs and that ratio could rise by this evening. It is a moot point whether this one-dimensional cricket is any better than the opposite extreme achieved in the first Test at Edgbaston: either way, the spectator is not seeing a satisfactory contest.

The cricket on Saturday was not without interest. Indeed, given the towering quality of Javagal Srinath in two spells, at the start of play and immediately after lunch, the England batting and the fickle fates must both take a bow. Flat and lifeless surface this may be, but Srinath somehow made the ball talk on it and his analysis of one for 82 was dreadfully unjust.

Alec Stewart remains below his best but he had completed a second successive half-century when K. T. Francis upheld an appeal for a catch behind. The ball actually missed the bat by some distance on its route past the inside edge, but Stewart at least departed with the consolation that he had shared an opening stand of 130, only the third time in 32 attempts that he and Atherton have given the England innings a century start.

That it happened now is something that Srinath will find incomprehensible, so great was the fortune that both batsmen required during his opening spell. Atherton, too far across, somehow survived a leg-before appeal when all three stumps seemed threatened and was then dropped for a second time at third slip, this one by Azharuddin.

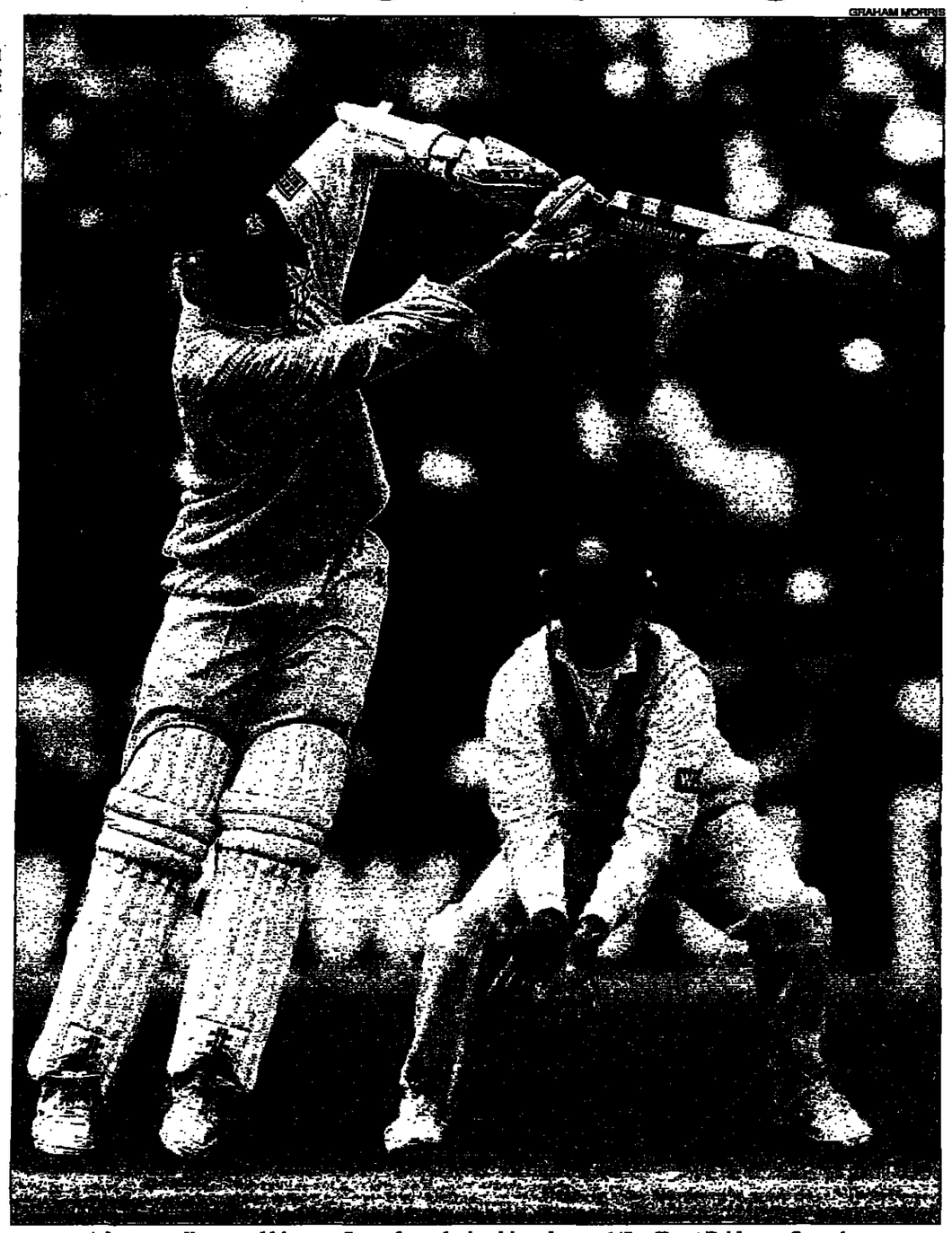
Srinath's deceptively quick bouncer brought flawed, posthumous strokes from both openers and, when he returned after lunch with England in full sail, he bowled an over of such controlled variation, all of it too good for the batsman, all of it unrewarded, that his grin at the end of it said much for the character of the man.

The recipient of that over was Nasser Hussain, Atherton's partner in a second-wicket stand so far worth 192. That both have made hundreds is wonderful news for England, because Atherton needed a long innings to repair his rhythm and the team needed Hussain to underscore the fact that he has solved, for some time to come, the discomfort over who must bat at No 3. Hussain likes doing the job and he does it well; judging by the brimming confidence with which he began on Saturday, driving like a man who had been entrenched for hours, he will not easily be usurped.

Atherton and Hussain go back a long way. They played together for England under-15s and, in 1984, on opposite sides in a match between Southern Schools and The Rest, they got each other out. Bowling aspirations have subsequently perished but the joy of two old friends was evident to all as they celebrated their centuries — Atherton with as broad a grin as he has ever exhibited in public, Hussain with both arms thrust above his head. On the team balcony, Raymond Illingworth smiled paternally.

A fortnight ago, during the Lord's Test, Atherton had been subservient to another superb spell from Srinath and confided: "I couldn't see how I could get a run against him." There will be mutual respect now, for while Atherton struggled at first on Saturday, long before the close he was into the old rhythm. "I started to reacquaint myself with my technique," he said with a smile. "It had been missing for a while."

GRAHAM MORRIS



Atherton rediscovered his most fluent form during his unbeaten 145 at Trent Bridge on Saturday

SCOREBOARD

INDIA: First Innings 521 (S R Tendulkar 177, S C Ganguly 136, R Dravid 84, S V Manjrekar 53)

ENGLAND: First Innings

*M A Atherton not out (410min, 329 balls, 17 fours)	145
A J Stewart c Mongia b Srinath (170min, 115 balls, 6 fours)	50
N Hussain not out (239min, 180 balls, 12 fours)	107
Extras (b 3, lb 9, nb 8)	20
Total (1 wkt, 102 overs, 410min)	322

G P Thorpe, G A Hick, M A Ealham, †R C Russell, C C Lewis, D G Cork, M M Patel and A D Mullally to bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-130 (Atherton 70).

BOWLING: Srinath 27-7-82-1 (nb 5; 10 fours; 13-3-45-0, 8-3-21-1; 3-1-10-0, 3-0-6-0); Prasad 24-6-78-0 (nb 3; 9 fours; 4-1-16-0, 6-2-15-0, 4-1-16-0, 3-1-12-0, 7-1-19-0); Kumble 18-3-62-0 (nb 1; 7 fours; 1-0-2-0, 3-1-4-0, 4-0-21-0, 10-2-35-0); Raju 22-4-45-0 (3 fours; 10-3-21-0, 11-1-23-0, 1-0-1-0); Ganguly 6-0-24-0 (nb 2; 3 fours; 1-0-6-0, 5-0-18-0); Tendulkar 5-0-19-0 (3 fours; one spell).

Umpires: K T Francis (Sri Lanka) and G Sharp. Third umpire: D J Constant. Match referee: C W Smith (West Indies).

SERIES DETAILS: First Test (Edgbaston): England won by eight wickets. Second Test (Lord's): Match drawn.

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Illingworth resists censure

BY ALAN LEE

RAYMOND Illingworth yesterday ended three weeks of moping and agonising with confirmation that he will appeal to the Cricket Council over the £2,000 fine imposed upon him for bringing the game into disrepute through passages within his new book.

It is not a surprising move, though it is a profoundly regrettable one. Illingworth is by nature both proud and obstinate and he understandably has no wish for the blemish on his record, brought about by indiscretions over selection affairs and a candid summation of his relationship with Devon Malcolm, to remain with him when he retires at the end of the summer.

On the other hand, the game, and his England team, are being done a disservice by further prolonging a matter that should satisfactorily have been dealt with some months ago. It was first the fault of muddled thinking within the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) that it proceeded so far; now it is down to Illingworth for pursuing the issue.

Illingworth, the chairman of selectors, has recorded his appeal in a letter that will be received this morning by Alan Smith, chief executive of the TCCB. It is then for the Board to liaise with the Cricket Council and set a date for the hearing, at which both parties will be legally represented.

"I am determined to see that natural justice is done," Illingworth said. "I have been offered a lot of money to write my side of the story but I am not interested in money at the moment. The important thing is to clear my name.

"I have been in the game for 45 years and I don't want to leave it without restoring my reputation for straight dealing. I am sure I am doing the right thing."

Trent Bridge pitch is too true to be good

John Woodcock says few bowlers look forward to performing at Nottingham

England and India had time yesterday to reflect upon the frustrations, some might say the futility, of the third Test match. Blessed with the sort of weather, anyway for its dryness, which the organisers of Henley and Wimbledon must have longed for, they have made awfully little of it. The only progress has been towards the near certainty of an always predictable draw.

After India's first innings had ended late on Friday with 521 runs on the board, David Gower told television watchers that England's bowlers had "done a fine job". He will have meant that, on the whole, they had bowled a steady line and a reasonable length, and had not sagged at all. In other words, they had bowled to the best of their ability.

Even against an insecure and inexperienced India side, though, that was not enough to make any lasting inroads. It might have been if Tendulkar had been caught in the gully for nought, as he really should have been, and for a while after that India had their share of luck; but, all too soon, perseverance became England's main resource.

When, in their turn, India's bowlers were equally unsuccessful, the pitch became the villain of the piece, just as it did in the first Test at Edgbaston, though for very different reasons. Whereas there it was too bad to be true, here it has been too true to be good. It is one of those which might have looked full of mischief if the West Indies attack of the 1980s had gone to work on it. Indeed, there is enough occasional bounce in it to have made that perfectly likely. But, between sides comprising 21 ordinary mortals (and one extraordinary one, and he not a bowler), the balance this time is too much in the batsmen's favour.

This is no new phenomenon, especially at Trent Bridge. The legendary Bill O'Reilly's views on the same strip of turf in 1938, after England, batting first, had made 658 for eight declared in the first Test match against Australia, were barely printable. As he came off the field at an interval he was hailed by Bob Menzies, then Australia's attorney general, later to become their greatest prime minister and always an impenitent cricket lover. "Well bowled Bill," Menzies said, "but I thought you were a spinner of the ball"; to which the tiger replied, eyes burning: "Not on a brothel of a wicket like that." We have Don Bradman's word for this, as well as his opinion that O'Reilly was the finest bowler he ever played with.

So, except when Harold Larwood and Bill Voce were spearheading Nottinghamshire's attack, or Richard Hadlee and Clive Rice were doing the same some 50 years later and the groundsman was not averse to siding with them, bowlers have seldom passed through the gates in Bridgford Road with expectations high and hearts pounding. The difference from 1938 is not in the conditions for play so much as in how the game looks and the way it is played. In that respect, many of the things that could have changed have done so, from the paraphernalia the players wear to the bats they use, or from the rate at which they bowl their overs to the histrionics they perform; but the runs still come in abundance, if not with the same abandon.

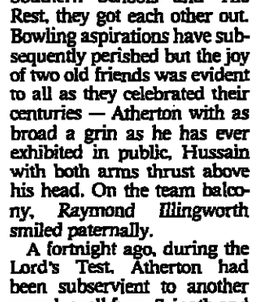
When O'Reilly thought so poorly of the Trent Bridge pitch, Charlie Barnett made 99 on the first morning and England 422 for four on the first day; and in Australia's first innings, when they were more or less committed to playing for a draw, Stan McCabe's 232 came in 235 minutes (only 18 minutes longer than it took Manjrekar, also a natural stroke player, to make 53 on Friday). But England and Australia finished up where England and India are most likely to finish up tomorrow — in a vacuum. It is just less fun to watch now than it was.

O'Reilly's counterpart at Trent Bridge at the moment is Anil Kumble, a right-arm wrist spinner of similarly brisk pace, low trajectory and high standing. That he, too, has been in despair prompts a thought, albeit in a roundabout way, regarding overseas cricketers in the English game and whether or not they do more good than harm or harm than good. Anyone proposing the motion that they are a good thing could probably make something of Kumble's fortunes in the present Test series.

Playing for Northamptonshire in 1995 he took 105 wickets at 20.40 apiece, at a striking rate that Curtly Ambrose or Frank Tyson or George Tribe would not have bettered by much when bowling for them. Yet in 126 overs in 2½ Tests this summer, he has taken only four wickets at 74.5 apiece. Are we benefiting, therefore, from the chance to see so much of him and his wiles last year?

India shackled by men in white coats

MICHAEL HENDERSON



At Trent Bridge

To play as poorly as Michael Atherton has done at Trent Bridge and still make a hundred, with power to add today, says much for his determination, quite a lot about India's wretched fielding, a fair bit about the dismally flat pitch and rather more than anybody would like to know about the standard of umpiring.

The variable quality of decision-making (and decision-dodging) has been the recurring theme of this occasionally interesting, but far from bewitching, series. England have been the big beneficiaries, as the home side usually is. The Indians — in particular Javagal Srinath, the best bowler on either side by the width of the Trent — have been short-changed.

What K. T. Francis, the Sri Lankan umpire, was thinking about when he gave Atherton in against Srinath on Saturday morning must remain a mystery. Cloud formations, perhaps, or maybe the films of John Ford. Possibly, he was not thinking at all. It was just about the clearest leg-before decision an umpire can expect to uphold in a long summer's work and his finger didn't even twitch. It was a real "captain's decision".

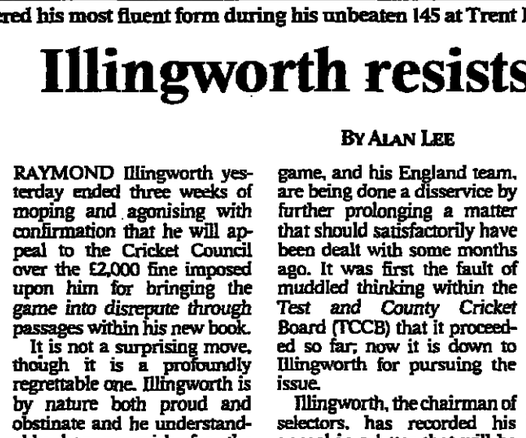
Reprieved, Atherton scratched out his tenth Test hundred, the least convincing he will ever make. Alec Stewart was not so fortunate was given out caught behind by the man who had spared his partner and, in his moment of disbelief, he showed commendable restraint. His bat was not within three inches of the ball and he was fired off without a second thought.

These things even themselves out over a career and Atherton has certainly had some bad 'uns in his time. On his Test debut seven years ago, against Australia at Trent Bridge, he was given out leg-before without scoring when he nicked the ball into his pads. Against Australia three years ago, again at Nottingham, he was "caught" off his Elizabeth last winter, Cyril Mitchley erroneously gave him out caught behind. That day Atherton did not show Stewart's restraint, and he was not playing for his Test place.

Nobody can doubt that India have had the worst of things in this series. Had one crucial decision gone the other way at Birmingham, they might have come to Trent Bridge one-up in this series, instead of being a Test down, and David Lloyd, who often sounds as if he should be working for CJ — "Great! Super!" — would not be quite so chirpy.

When Darrell Hair gave Nasser Hussain the benefit of a doubt not evident to other observers as the batsman gloved a leg-side catch to Mongia during Srinath's magnificent spell on the second morning, he was not to know how significant the consequences of his error would be, for Hussain and the series. Hussain was 14 at the time and went on to be the last man out for 128. England took a first-innings lead of 98 and won the match by eight wickets.

The International Cricket Council (ICC) selects a panel of umpires, the best it can find, and sends them round the world to make decisions "without fear or favour". It is, heaven knows, a devilishly hard job and there will always be mistakes, but if we are



Francis: mistake helped Atherton to score century

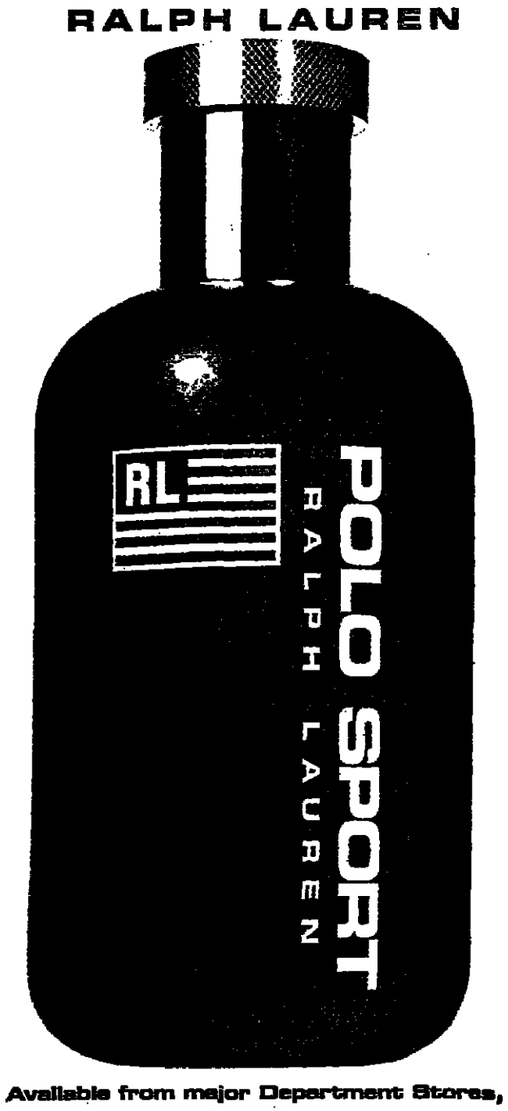
that Hair's performances in the first two Tests and Francis's at Nottingham have been sub-standard.

The umpires are not helped by the giant screen that replays every ball, no matter how boring. A second viewing of borderline decisions puts a match under the tinderwood of crowd reaction and the players, being curious, are keen to have their impressions reinforced, which will not help to build bridges with the match officials. If the ground authorities did away with these screens, nobody would feel too deprived.

Neutral umpires are here to stay. There were too many home bias was alleged, or assumed, even when that was not the case — witness the hounding of Roy Palmer at Old Trafford four years ago by angry Pakistanis — but the ICC should make every effort to appoint the very best men and it is clear that Hair, for one, does not merit his ranking.

Ah, Pakistan. The second half of the summer features Wasim Akram's team and there should be some bracing cricket. Umpires will have noted that their bowlers won seven leg-before decisions at Northampton on Saturday, five of them going to "Waz" himself. The real fun and

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Kabir offers glimpse of golden future for Pakistan

BY JACK BAILEY

NORTHAMPTON (second day of three. Northamptonshire won toss): Northamptonshire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 100 runs behind the Pakistanis

SHADAB KABIR may not figure largely for Pakistan in the forthcoming Test matches with England — at 19, he was picked for this tour chiefly to gain experience — yet, yesterday, he played an innings to relish, rich in promise, if not quite in fulfilment. He fell one short of a well-deserved century after featuring in a stand of 171 for the Pakistanis' eighth wicket with another 19-year-old, Saqlain Mushtaq, that revived their team's fortunes after seven wickets had been lost for 140 and Pakistan were still 12 runs behind.

More than that, these two striplings swept into oblivion the previous highest eighth-wicket partnership made against Northamptonshire. Surprisingly, this had stood firm since 1925, when Harold Larwood and W R D Payton put on 151 at Trent Bridge. Good players both, but they will not have batted better than the young Pakistanis did on this occasion.

The left-handed Kabir sprang first to prominence in English eyes when he took 7-4 off England in Karachi during a warm-up match before the recent World Cup. Described by the little master, Hanif Mohammed, as a prodigy, Kabir certainly has all the makings. Neat, the possessor of positive footwork and a sound temperament, quick to punish the wayward ball, he was so rarely in trouble that it came as a shock when David Capel moved a beauty away late and had him caught behind from the second new ball.

Mushtaq, his partner throughout an afternoon that saw Pakistan rebuild an innings that had all but collapsed, is trumpeted as one of the best off spin bowlers around. On this evidence, while not in the same class as Kabir, he is also a batsman of considerable talent, confident and uninhibited.

The Northamptonshire attack, it is true, lacked the razor's edge — Ambrose, Taylor, Curran, Penberthy and Emburey were all resting before the Benson and Hedges Cup final next Saturday — but, with Capel working up a fair head of steam and Scott Boswell anxious to prove himself, the Pakistanis, resuming at 79 for one, lost Shahid Anwar to Boswell in the day's first over and, after 80 minutes, were reduced to 140 for seven. Shahid was taken by Capel at slip and Boswell soon had Ijaz Ahmed palpably in front. All arms, legs and eagerness, Boswell generated a lively pace, without quite making the most of his 6ft 4in frame. He will, however, remember his first two wickets for Northamptonshire, which started the Pakistanis' slide.

The running out of Mujtaba by a fine throw from Swann, substituting for the injured Mallender, did not help the Pakistan cause and, once started, the Pakistan decline gathered momentum, aided chiefly by the ever-willing Capel. But Kabir played himself in, watchful and untroubled.

Once Mushtaq became established, Kabir blossomed. His first 50 came in 2½ hours from 104 balls. He faced only 89 balls for his second 49 runs. When he was out, his partnership with the increasingly-confident Mushtaq was worth 171 from 49 overs and although Mushtaq finally perished after an innings of 2¾ hours, Pakistan held a lead of 171.

This was reduced to exactly 100 by Alan Fordham and Richard Montgomerie as the shadows lengthened. Nevertheless, the day belonged to the sure and wristy batting of Kabir. Of him, the personable Pakistan manager, Yawar Saeed, while not willing to be drawn on the immediate future, said: "I was delighted not only with his runs, but the way he made them. He is a young batsman who will feature with Pakistan for a long time to come." Those here yesterday will find it hard not to agree with him.

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Kabir strikes a six off Snape to provide evidence of his huge potential as the Pakistanis take control at Northampton

SCOREBOARD

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

R R Montgomerie lbw b Wasim	43
A Fordham lbw b Wasim	37
R J Warren lbw b Shahid	1
M B Loye lbw b Wasim	1
*R J Bailey b Shahid	7
D J Capel lbw b Wasim	2
J N Snape lbw b Wasim	6
†D Ripley c Wasim b Mohammad	13
J G Hughes c Rashid b Shahid	8
N A Mallender lbw b Shahid	7
S A J Boswell not out	2
Extras (b 5, lb 7, w 3, nb 8)	23
Total	152

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-89, 2-94, 3-96, 4-105, 5-107, 6-116, 7-120, 8-143, 9-145.

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 20-5-58-5; Mohammad Akram 15-4-39-1, Shahid Nazir 16 4-5-43-4.

Second Innings

R R Montgomerie not out	23
A Fordham not out	40
Extras (lb 4, nb 4)	8
Total (no wkt)	71

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 10-4-25-0; Mohammad Akram 5-1-15-0, Shahid Nazir 3-0-19-0; Saqlain Mushtaq 2-0-8-0

PAKISTAN: First Innings

Saeed Anwar lbw b Hughes	20
Shahid Anwar c Capel b Boswell	26
Ijaz Ahmed lbw b Boswell	29
Asif Mujtaba run out	15
Shadab Kabir c Ripley b Capel	93
*Wasim Akram b Snape	21
Rashid Latif lbw b Capel	3
†Moin Khan c Montgomerie b Capel	1
Saqlain Mushtaq b Capel	78
Shahid Nazir run out	3
Mohammad Akram not out	2
Extras (lb 8, nb 18)	26
Total	323

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-86, 3-91, 4-108, 5-131, 6-138, 7-140, 8-311, 9-321

BOWLING: Mallender 2-0-20-0; Boswell 23-3-77-2; Hughes 22-5-82-1; Capel 17 1-1-60-4; Snape 23-7-63-1; Bailey 6-3-13-0

Umpires: T E Jesty and P Willey

Adams gives Schultz swift response

BY SIMON WILDE

CHESTERFIELD (second day of three; South Africa A won toss): South Africa A, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 134 runs ahead of Derbyshire

THE biggest obstacle to South Africa becoming the world's leading Test match nation by the end of the century, as Ali Bacher tells them they can be, is their players' lack of practical experience. Talent, such as that possessed by Jacques Kallis and Paul Adams, is all very well, but sporting isolation has left players, coaches and administrators alike with a lot of catching up to do.

Fifteen promising South Africans arrived in England last week to do just that. Playing under the title of South Africa A, they were engaged at Queen's Park, Chesterfield, yesterday in the second fixture of a 12-match tour.

Even though the average age of the players under John Commins, the captain, is less than 24, eight of them have already played at international level, so they are here not so much to lay claim to places in the full South Africa side as to sample English conditions. It has not escaped Bacher's notice that South Africa are due to tour England in 1998, or that the next World Cup is to be held here the following year. Unfortunately, their first match in Leeds was spoiled by the rain and their second is being staged on an unhelpfully slow pitch, the slowest at Chesterfield for many a year.

It is making for an unbalanced contest between bat and ball, one kept alive only by two pragmatic first-innings declarations.

The visitors were taught some lessons, though, as Derbyshire spent much of the day scoring 316 for five before declaring six runs in arrears. This innings contained four half-centuries, so there were few easy pickings for the bowlers. Each man had to be chiselled out and it made for hard going.

If Schultz, the man who began the winter Test series against England with such high hope and hype, came here thinking he could bounce out a few locals, he is discovering otherwise. But he still bowled far too short yesterday.

He was dealt with summarily by Chris Adams, whose 66 was the best innings of the day. Schultz tried to give him something to remember him by the moment he came to the crease but the ball — it was, in any case, a no-ball — was fetched from outside off stump and up against the boards on the mid-wicket boundary in a trice.

Adams also seized the initiative against the left-arm spin of Boje, whose first ball turned and beat his bat. He took 19 runs off one of his overs and should have maintained his attack for longer, but holed out tamely to mid-on. Even so, when he had scored 35, Adams became the fourth batsman this season to reach 1,000 runs and deserves an A tour of his own: with England to Australia in October.

Of the other Derbyshire half-centuries, O'Gorman's was the most workmanlike, Wells's the most entertaining and May's the most commendable, being the first of his short career.

The South Africans' response to all this resistance was to allow their over-rate to drop to the wholly unacceptable level of 12.1 per hour. In this way alone did they resemble a Test match team.

Assuming this does not become a habit, though, they have much to offer. Kallis batted beautifully on the first day for his 92 and Goolam Rajah, their manager, has no difficulty identifying the successors to the present generation. MacMillan's mantle of all-rounder could go to Klusener; Rhodes, as batsman-cum-fielding-livewire, may be succeeded by Gibbs; and Richardson can hand over the gauntlets, when the time comes, to Pothas.

Liebenberg and Koenig also showed, in putting together a stand of 128 in 31 overs, that there is no shortage of batting talent.

SCOREBOARD

SOUTH AFRICA A: First Innings

S G Koenig c Rollins b Vandrau	46
G F J Liebenberg b Vandrau	45
J H Kallis lbw b Griffith	92
H D Ackerman c May b Aldred	79
*J B Commins not out	27
H H Gibbs not out	27
Extras (lb 6)	6
Total (4 wkts dec)	322

N Boje, †N Pothas, L Klusener, E J Smith and B N Schultz did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-85, 2-115, 3-260, 4-274

BOWLING: Dean 20-3-89-0, Aldred 22-2-63-1, Griffith 20-1-70-1; Wells 3-0-12-0; Vandrau 24-4-82-2; Khan 2-0-20-0.

Second Innings

S G Koenig not out	42
G F J Liebenberg not out	79
Extras (lb 3, nb 4)	7
Total (no wkt)	128

BOWLING: Dean 7-2-16-0; Aldred 11-1-42-0; Vandrau 10-0-37-0; Griffith 3-0-30-0

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

T J G O'Gorman c Gibbs b Smith	53
J E Owen c Gibbs b Schultz	23
*C J Adams c Smith b Boje	66
G Khan c Pothas b Klusener	10
C M Wells c Pothas b Klusener	61
M R May not out	63
†A S Rollins not out	7
Extras (lb 4, lb 15, nb 14)	33
Total (5 wkts dec)	316

M J Vandrau, P Aldred, F A Griffith and K J Dean did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-64, 2-135, 3-173, 4-180, 5-291.

BOWLING: Schultz 18-2-68-1, Smith 15-1-62-1; Boje 27-4-86-1; Kallis 7-2-32-0; Klusener 19-4-50-2

Umpires: K J Lyons and J F Steele

Lancashire mauled by Moody's all-round domination

BY PAT GIBSON

OLD TRAFFORD (Lancashire won toss): Worcestershire (4pts) beat Lancashire by 4 runs

TOM MOODY, Worcestershire's 6ft 7in Australian captain, cast a long shadow over Old Trafford in the evening sunshine. His 104 off 86 balls, four wickets and a catch, were just enough to put Worcestershire back in contention for the AXA Equity & Law League title, but not before Lancashire had shown why they can never be written off in any one-day competition.

The good news for them, as they prepare to face Northamptonshire in the NatWest Trophy at home on Wednesday and again in the Benson and Hedges Cup final at Lord's on Saturday, is that Peter Martin, their England bowler, came through eight overs without any apparent trouble from the calf injury which has kept him out of the current championship match.

In addition, John Crawley, who has not played for almost a month because of a hamstring injury, could also return provided that he suffers no reaction when he turns out, at Lancashire's request, for MCC against St Ambrose College at Altrincham today.

Otherwise, the outlook for Lancashire looked bleak until an amazing last-wicket stand of 82 in nine overs, a Lancashire record on a Sunday, between Chapple and Martin took them within five runs of their target before Chapple was run out off the penultimate ball.

At least they had salvaged their pride and their consolation was that defeat was entire due to the towering presence of Moody. His 108 on Saturday was his third consecutive championship century against Lancashire and yesterday they found it almost impossible to bowl at him.

He and Curtis had already given Worcestershire a brisk enough start after Lancashire had put Worcestershire in, but the floodgates really opened when Yates was brought on to bowl his off-breaks. Moody, his mouth watering at the sight of a 60-yard boundary on the railway side, dispatched him for four sixes and a four, all in the mid-wicket region, in his second over.

By the time he lost his off stump to Watkinson, aiming in the general direction of Sale, Moody had struck six sixes and seven fours in scoring his sixth century in all competitions this season. With Curtis joining him in an opening stand of 136 and Weston and Spiring clipping along at almost seven an over, Lancashire had to chase a total of 261 for 3.

Twice this season, they had failed to reach daunting targets by only one run. This time they did not look like getting close once Moody had removed Watkinson and Gallian in his opening spell. He also caught Lloyd at short mid-wicket and two more wickets in his final over, giving him his best Sunday figures, seemed to settle the game until the last-wicket heroics.

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Middlesex stay top despite loss to Surrey

BY IVO TENNANT

MIDDLESEX, who only last week gained the leadership of the AXA Equity & Law League, came to realise yesterday how difficult it is to remain at the top. Surrey, six points behind them at the start of play, beat them by eight wickets, Darren Bicknell making an unbeaten half-century.

Surrey bowled Middlesex out for 131, which was their lowest total in this fixture. Hollioake took three wickets and Martin Bicknell two. His brother then put on 57 for the first wicket with Brown and reached his half-century off 86 balls. Middlesex, however, continue to lead the table.

Kent beat Durham by six wickets at the Mote. The champions made certain of victory through Hooper and Cowdrey putting on 130 in 19 overs for the third wicket. The West Indian took three for 21 and then struck an unbeaten 76 off 86 balls.

Simmons, the West Indies batsman, enabled Leicestershire to gain their first Sunday league victory at Grace Road through striking 71 off 70 balls. He then dismissed Irani just as Essex were thinking of an unlikely victory. The England all-rounder hit 60 off 50 balls, but his side were nine runs short of their target.

At Bristol, Glamorgan lost their first six wickets for 56 but still managed to beat Gloucestershire by 94 runs. This owed much to a partnership of 91 between Evans, making his Sunday league debut, and Gibson. Gloucestershire were dismissed for 102 in 30 overs.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

AXA Equity & Law League

Gloucestershire v Glamorgan

BRISTOL (Gloucestershire won toss): Glamorgan (4pts) beat Gloucestershire by 94 runs

GLAMORGAN

S P James run out	6
H Morris c Williams b Walsh	13
R D B Croft lbw b Smith	2
*M P Maynard c Smith b Lewis	13
P A Cottey lbw b Smith	2
G P Butcher c Williams b Alleyne	14
A W Evans not out	50
O D Gibson b Lewis	43
†A D Shaw not out	36
Extras (b 2, lb 8, w 7)	17
Total (7 wkts, 40 overs)	196

S L Watkin and S R Barwick did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-23, 3-33, 4-25, 5-51, 6-56, 7-147.

BOWLING: Walsh 8-3-20-1, Smith 8-0-39-2; Lewis 8-1-37-2; Alleyne 7-0-32-1, Symonds 4-0-22-0, Ball 5-0-36-0.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

A J Wright lbw b Butcher	16
R I Dawson lbw b Gibson	0
M W Alleyne b Watkin	8
A M Smith c Shaw b Watkin	0
T H C Hancock run out	1
A Symonds b Croft	30
M G N Windows c Shaw b Butcher	23
†R C J Williams c Morris b Butcher	11
M C J Ball c Gibson b Butcher	0
*C A Walsh c Watkin b Croft	0
J Lewis not out	0
Extras (lb 8, w 5)	13
Total (29.2 overs)	102

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-27, 3-27, 4-29, 5-38, 6-81, 7-95, 8-100, 9-101.

BOWLING: Watkin 6-2-9-2, Gibson 6-1-17-1, Butcher 6.2-0-32-4; Barwick 6-1-18-0, Croft 5-0-18-2.

Umpires: G I Burgess and J H Hampshire

Kent v Durham

MAIDSTONE (Kent won toss): Kent (4pts) beat Durham by six wickets

DURHAM

S L Campbell c Ujong b Hooper	33
S Hutton st Marsh b Hooper	58
P D Collingwood not out	61
S J E Brown st Marsh b Hooper	3
P Bainbridge run out	4
*M A Roseberry b Fleming	19
D A Blenkiron lbw b McCague	0
†D G C Ligertwood c Cowdrey b Fleming	7
N Killeen b McCague	0
J Wood not out	13
Extras (b 1, lb 5, w 3)	9
Total (8 wkts, 40 overs)	207

J Boiling did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-86, 2-113, 3-120, 4-129, 5-162, 6-163, 7-186, 8-187

BOWLING: Wren 6-1-31-0, Thompson 8-0-42-0; McCague 8-0-42-2; Hooper 8-1-21-3, Fleming 8-0-53-2, Ujong 2-0-12-0.

KENT

T R Ward b Killeen	30
M V Fleming c Collingwood b Brown	27
C L Hooper not out	76
G R Cowdrey lbw b Boiling	59
N J Ujong c Hutton b Boiling	0
M J Walker not out	13
Extras (lb 5, w 1)	6
*†S A Marsh, M J McCague, J B D Thompson, T N Wren and N W Preston did not bat.	

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-48, 2-62, 3-182, 4-182

BOWLING: Wood 8-0-47-0; Brown 6-0-45-1, Bainbridge 7 1-0-34-0; Killeen 6-0-38-1; Boiling 8-0-42-2.

Umpires: R Palmer and N T Plews

Lancashire v Worcestershire

OLD TRAFFORD (Lancashire won toss): Worcestershire (4pts) beat Lancashire by four runs

WORCESTERSHIRE

*T M Moody b Watkinson	104
T S Curtis c Gallian b Watkinson	40
K R Spiring not out	47
W P C Weston c Austin b Elworthy	40
V S Solanki not out	9
Extras (lb 10, w 9, nb 2)	21
Total (3 wkts, 40 overs)	261

D A Leatherdale, †S J Rhodes, S R Lampitt, R K Illingworth, A Shenyar and S W K Ellis did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-136, 2-168, 3-244

BOWLING: Austin 8-0-32-0; Martin 8-0-43-0, Chapple 8-0-62-0, Elworthy 8-0-40-1; Yates 2-0-30-0, Watkinson 6-0-44-2.

LANCASHIRE

J E R Gallian c Rhodes b Moody	18
*M Watkinson c Leatherdale b Moody	25
N H Fairbrother run out	25
G D Lloyd c Moody b Lampitt	5
N J Speak c Ellis b Moody	20
†W K Hegg c Curtis b Moody	25
I D Austin b Shenyar	31
S Elworthy c Lampitt b Ellis	8
G Yates c Illingworth b Ellis	5
G Chapple run out	43
P J Martin not out	35
Extras (lb 2, lb 6, w 8, nb 2)	16
Total (38.5 overs)	257

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-43, 2-51, 3-64, 4-83, 5-125, 6-127, 7-143, 8-167, 9-175

BOWLING: Moody 8-0-46-4, Ellis 8-0-46-2, Lampitt 8-0-41-1; Shenyar 8-0-49-1 Illingworth 7 5-0-67-0

Umpires: H D Bird and A A Jones.

TABLE

	P	W	L	D	NR	Pts
Middlesex (17)	9	6	2	0	1	26
Kent (1)	9	6	3	0	0	24
Surrey (9)	9	6	3	0	0	24
Northants (13)	8	6	2	0	0	24
Warwicks (2)	9	5	4	0	0	20
Worcs (3)	8	4	2	0	2	20
Yorkshire (12)	9	5	4	0	0	20
Somerset (14)	8	4	3	0	1	18
Lancashire (4)	8	4	4	0	0	16
Notts (11)	8	4	4	0	0	16
Glamorgan (6)	8	3	3	0	2	16
Hampshire (18)	7	3	3	0	1	14
Essex (5)	8	3	4	0	1	14
Leics (7)	8	3	4	0	1	14
Derbyshire (8)	8	2	4	0	2	12
Sussex (10)	8	2	5	0	1	10
Glouces (15)	8	2	5	0	1	10
Durham (16)	10	0	9	0	1	2

Leicestershire v Essex

LEICESTER (Essex won toss): Leicestershire (4pts) beat Essex by nine runs

LEICESTERSHIRE

P V Simmons b Such	71
*J J Whitaker lbw b Andrew	17
B F Smith c Lewis b Irani	18
V J Wells b Williams	26
G I Macmillan c Cowan b Williams	19
D L Maddy b Andrew	49
†P A Nixon run out	16
C C Remy b Grayson	5
D Williamson not out	3
J Ormond not out	2
Extras (lb 15, w 3, nb 14)	32
Total (8 wkts, 40 overs)	260

M T Brimson did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-55, 2-119, 3-121, 4-172, 5-180, 6-248, 7-250, 8-258.

BOWLING: Andrew 8-0-42-2; Cowan 2-0-19-0; Grayson 7 5-0-43-1; Irani 8-0-61-1, Such 7.1-0-24-1; Williams 7-0-56-2

ESSEX

D D J Robinson st Nixon b Brimson	31
*P J Prichard c Macmillan b Williamson	38
A P Grayson c Whitaker b Wells	10
R C Irani c Maddy b Simmons	60
†R J Rollins c Williamson b Remy	32
J J B Lewis not out	53
A J E Hibbert not out	6
Extras (b 4, lb 5, w 12)	21
Total (5 wkts, 40 overs)	251

A P Cowan, N F Williams, P M Such and S J W Andrew did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-60, 2-86, 3-92, 4-152, 5-215

BOWLING: Remy 8-0-58-1, Simmons 8-0-37-1; Wells 8-0-23-1, Williamson 4-0-26-1, Brimson 8-0-37-1; Ormond 3-0-27-0; Maddy 3-0-33-0

Umpires: J H Hampshire and J W Holder

Surrey v Middlesex

THE OVAL (Surrey won toss). Surrey (4pts) beat Middlesex by eight wickets

MIDDLESEX

P N Weekes c Kersey b M P Bicknell	1
M R Ramprakash b B C Hollioake	7
b M P Bicknell	7
*M W Gatting b Benjamin	18
J C Pooley run out	16
J D Carr c Kersey b B C Hollioake	17
†K R Brown b B C Hollioake	11
O A Shah c Ward b B C Hollioake	20
J P Hewitt b Pearson	1
R L Johnson c B C Hollioake b A J Hollioake	10
M A Feltham run out	2
A R C Fraser not out	0
Extras (lb 7, w 21)	28
Total (33.2 overs)	131

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-15, 3-43, 4-54, 5-82, 6-100, 7-112, 8-118, 9-129.

BOWLING: M P Bicknell 8-1-29-2, Benjamin 8-0-27-1; Julian 3-0-10-0; B C Hollioake 8-0-42-3, A J Hollioake 3.2-0-7-1, Pearson 4-0-9-1.

SURREY

D J Bicknell not out	52
A D Brown c Hewitt b Fraser	23
N Shahid c sub b Carr	18
D M Ward not out	22
Extras (b 1, lb 5, w 7, nb 4)	17
Total (2 wkts, 28.4 overs)	132

B C Hollioake, *A J Hollioake, B P Julian, M N Lathwell, M P Bicknell, R M S

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-57, 2-95.

BOWLING: Fraser 8-1-30-1, Feltham 3-1-8-0; Johnson 7-0-43-0; Carr 6-2-16-1; Weekes 4-1-21-0, Ramprakash 0.4-0-8-0

Umpires: J D Bond and A G T Whitehead

Sussex v Hampshire

ARUNDEL (Sussex won toss). Hampshire (4pts) beat Sussex by 40 runs

HAMPSHIRE

*J P Stephenson run out	8
J S Laney c Law b Jarvis	43
R A Smith lbw b Lenham	47
W K M Benjamin c Law b Lenham	17
M Keech run out	28
P R Whitaker c Greenfield b Lewry	31
†A N Aymes b Drakes	3
S D Udal not out	8
K D James not out	1
Extras (b 5, lb 5, w 12)	22
Total (7 wkts, 39 overs)	208

S M Milburn and C A Connor did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-42, 2-64, 3-111, 4-144, 5-188, 6-197, 7-199.

BOWLING: Lewry 8-0-33-1; Drakes 8-1-32-1; Law 5-0-24-0; Jarvis 4-0-43-1, Lenham 8-1-32-2; Salisbury 6-0-35-0.

SUSSEX

R K Rao lbw b Stephenson	2
K Greenfield c Aymes b Stephenson	16
M P Speight c Aymes b Milburn	2
*A P Wells c Aymes b Stephenson	4
N J Lenham b James	9
D R Law c Keech b James	6
†P Moores c Keech b Connor	11
V C Drakes c Aymes b Milburn	37
I D K Salisbury c Stephenson b James	28
P W Jarvis not out	29
J D Lewry c James b Udal	4
Extras (b 3, lb 8, w 7, nb 2)	20
Total (36 overs)	168

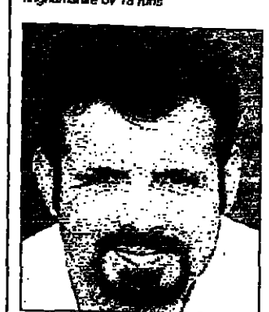
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-18, 3-24, 4-33, 5-39, 6-51, 7-58, 8-113, 9-134

BOWLING: Stephenson 8-1-22-3, Milburn 8-0-18-2; James 8-0-28-3; Connor 6-0-38-1; Udal 6-0-51-1

Umpires: J C Balderstone and D R Shepherd

Warwickshire v Nottinghamshire

EDGBASTON (Nottinghamshire won toss): Warwickshire (4pts) beat Nottinghamshire by 18 runs



May: unbeaten 63

WARWICKSHIRE

N V Knight b Dowman	1
N M K Smith b Dowman	4
D P Ostler lbw b Bates	27
A J Moles run out	36
T L Penney not out	62
S M Pollock c Pollard b Bates	1
†M Burns b Evans	37
D R Brown not out	15
Extras (b 2, lb 6, w 6)	14
Total (6 wkts, 40 overs)	197

A F Giles, *T A Munton and G C Small did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-5, 3-57, 4-78, 5-82, 6-172.

BOWLING: Dowman 8-0-34-2; Evans 8-0-40-1; Bowen 8-0-40-0; Pick 8-0-41-0, Bates 8-0-34-2

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

P R Pollard c Burns b Pollock	10
R T Robinson b Giles	52
C L Cairns c Pollock b Smith	23
*P Johnson c Giles b Pollock	43
A A Metcalfe c Penney b Munton	16
M P Dowman lbw b Giles	8
R T Bates not out	11
†W M Noon not out	7
Extras (lb 8, w 1)	9
Total (6 wkts, 40 overs)	179

M N Bowen, R A Pick and K P Evans did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-67, 3-129, 4-144, 5-161, 6-161

BOWLING: Munton 8-1-38-1; Pollock 8-1-21-2; Small 8-1-33-0, Smith 6-0-19-1, Giles 8-0-41-2, Brown 2-0-19-0

Umpires: M J Kitchen and K E Palmer.

Second women's Test match

England v New Zealand

WORCESTER (final day of four): England drew with New Zealand

ENGLAND: First Innings

H Plimmer b Withers	11
J Brittin c Illingworth b Withers	3
B Daniels c Brown b Withers	12
S Metcalfe lbw b Withers	66
J Godman b Brown	2
K Smithies c Lewis b Brown	27
J Smit c Fruin b Withers	69
K Lang c O'Leary b Brown	22
M Reynard c Campbell b Withers	8
S Redfern c Withers b Harris	30
C Taylor not out	10
Extras (b 5, lb 7, w 4)	16
Total	276

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-22, 3-31, 4-37, 5-90, 6-159, 7-190, 8-200, 9-255

BOWLING: Withers 40 3-19-73-6 Harris 34-10-74-1 Brown 22-4-66-3 Campbell 34-15-41-0; Nicholson 8-2-10-0

NEW ZEALAND: First Innings

S Fruin c Smit b Taylor	6
D Hockley c Redfern b Lang	115
K Flavell c Smithies b Redfern	34
A O'Leary st Smit b Lang	27
M Lewis c Redfern b Taylor	65
C Nicholson b Reynard	28
S Illingworth not out	6
K Withers not out	3
Extras (b 2, lb 5, w 2 nb 4)	13
Total (6 wkts)	296

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-90, 3-172, 4-211, 5-281, 6-287

BOWLING: Taylor 22-13-24-2; Redfern 32-10 82-1, Lang 26-12-74-2; Smithies 9-4-17-0; Plimmer 15-4-44-1, Daniels 2-0

CRICKET

Injured Reeve to contemplate early retirement

ALAN LEE



Championship Commentary

IT HAS been a turbulent summer for Warwickshire and now they must complete it without the soul and inspiration of their success. Dermot Reeve, who has led them to six trophies since 1993, is to have surgery on an arthritic hip and will not play again this season: the chances are, indeed, that we shall not see him in competitive cricket again.

This news might appear to dominate the county scene this morning, until one delves beneath the bare bones of a damp Londoners' reunion at the Oval. There, defiant against Surrey in particular and the world in general, Philip Tufnell, of Middlesex, took five wickets for the third time in four innings.

To liken Reeve to Tufnell would be disingenuous. Neither man would care much for it and it would not strictly be accurate. Though both are gregarious characters with a maverick streak, Reeve is essentially High Life: Tufnell tends more to the earthy. One inclines towards champagne and black tie, the other towards beer, fags and no tie.

Where they can be compared is in perception of their personalities. Peers admire them as cricketers and observe them with fascination rather than feeling drawn towards them as men, while the top table which sits in judgment — selectors and their like — regard them with suspicion. It is largely for this reason that Reeve was not chosen initially for the World Cup and Tufnell is not now selected regularly in the Test team. In a game that depends upon team unity over long periods, their faces do not fit.

Now there are unquestionably valid factors involved here and the suggestion of simple prejudice would be false. Taken in isolation, Reeve's cricketing ability is limited, while Tufnell, after a sensational start to his Test career, spent too long in regression. Both, however, are match-winners in their specialist field. Reeve should have played considerably more than 29 one-day internationals and Tufnell more than 22 Tests.

Reeve was considering retirement at the end of this season, even before the injury that is now likely to convince him. He is not the most supple of 33-year-olds and the callisthenics he routinely performs in mid-match are not done entirely for show. Long-term back problems have given way to a hip condition that refuses to heal, even after an injection. "I've got to have the joint scraped and that means two to three months out," he said. "I have to decide whether I will be able to play again and I won't be doing that hastily."

The odd thing is that there will be those in authority at Edgbaston not entirely mourning this development. Some members of the committee were agitating for Reeve's replacement as captain last year, even as his indefinable qualities of leadership were conjuring more silverware for them to show off. This heresy was resisted, but Reeve, unarguably, can be a difficult man to govern and the enforced appointment of a new captain will be greeted by some with relief.

Tim Munton, the natural successor, is injured, too, and for the second time this summer. So, for the time being, the side will be led by Andy Moles. Reeve's legacy is a team struggling to stay within sight of their old supremacy, within a club preoccupied by a defective pitch that now presents a genuine threat to its Test match status.

Last September, of course, it was Middlesex who took Warwickshire to the wire in the championship thanks to the dramatic last wicket of Tufnell's ten against Leicestershire. Funny, that, for while Tufnell is continuing to take wickets, it is now Leicestershire who are making headlines.

Middlesex, beset, like Warwickshire, by injuries to key players, could confront a fourth defeat today against Surrey. But Tufnell, even without his old mucker and motivator, John Emburey, is both bowling well and talking himself up as a mature 30-year-old. The selectors, it seems, are not listening.

In recent weeks, a number of spin bowlers have been mentioned by Raymond Illingworth, but only Min Patel has played. He is neither as innovative nor as skilful a bowler as Tufnell, and far less likely to influence a Test match. But the next in line is Ian Salisbury and, if not him, then Richard Stemp. Tufnell has too many touring endorsements to be considered for overseas duty again and, if there is not a long-term gain in picking him, perhaps the selectors are right.

There is irony, however, in the fact that while two champion clubs struggle and two talented, charismatic figures head, respectively, for retirement and disillusionment, a deeply unfashionable county is being swept into title contention by a largely unheard-of player.

Vince Wells was out for 197 on Saturday, and might regard it as a failure after making 200 in his previous championship innings and 201 in the NatWest Trophy. He is 30, the same age as Tufnell, and has been playing county cricket for nine years without emerging from the small print. In 76 first-class games before this season, he had managed two centuries. Now, if Leicestershire complete their probable win over Essex today, perhaps it will be Wells who is debated by amateur England selectors everywhere. But then again, mavericks make for better arguments.



Reeve: hip condition



Tufnell: bowling well

Mushtaq keeps secret weapon for Test

Simon Wilde on how the Pakistan leg spinner plans to unveil a mystery ball against England



NEAL SIMPSON

Mushtaq has a new delivery up his sleeve for the coming Test series

Mushtaq Ahmed, Pakistan's cherubic-faced but devilish leg spinner, is preparing a new delivery with which to torment England's batsmen when he meets them in the three-match Test series which begins at Lord's later this month. He was shown how to bowl the ball earlier this year by Shane Warne, the Australia leg spinner, with whom he has shared the secrets of their trade in the past.

Mushtaq, who has yet to employ the ball in a first-class match, was seen practising the delivery before play at Taunton last week. He was helped by Rob Turner, the wicketkeeper at Somerset, for whom Mushtaq took 225 wickets between 1993 and 1995 and where he returns in 1997 and 1998.

"His new delivery spirals in to the right-handed batsman from outside off stump through the air," Turner said. "On pitching, it does not break so much as carry on its path.

"Batsmen will find it very difficult to pick out," he said. "The hand action is identical to that for the leg break, so that will be of no help. By the time they realise which ball it is, it will be on them."

Two years ago, Brian Lara said Mushtaq presented a greater challenge than Warne because he possessed more variations. Asked at Taunton if he did not already possess enough deliveries which batsmen could not play, Mushtaq simply smiled in that disarming way of his and said: "One can never rest in this game. You have to keep looking for something new. I like to experiment."

According to one source, Mushtaq was planning to use the new ball in his first spell against Somerset but "got shy". In fact, he did not need it. By bowling his familiar repertoire beautifully on a pitch offering turn, Mushtaq was more than a match for his former county team-mates, taking five wickets — and adding five more in the second innings. Even Turner, with his insights into Mushtaq's methods, could not help twice losing his wicket to him cheaply.

However, provided that England's batsmen show more resolve than Somerset's when they play Pakistan in the Test matches, Mushtaq will surely test them out with his new delivery.

Mushtaq has made another change to his bowling since he was last in England and that, too, is down to Warne. During Pakistan's tour of Australia last winter, Mushtaq noticed how straight Warne ran to the crease, while he himself had long come in at a sharp angle.

By following Warne's lead, Mushtaq found greater comfort bowling his stock leg break, which had previously put great strain on his back. It was a ball that his Pakistan and Somerset team-mates believed he bowled too infrequently.

"We got onto him last year to bowl fewer googlies and variations to his leg break," one Somerset player said. "Part of the reason was that it hurt his back, but he also got excited if he saw a turning pitch and tried too many variations when all he needed to do was bowl five stock balls an over."

Mushtaq so enjoyed bamboozling batsmen with his googly, though, that — even if he did not dismiss them — he was reluctant to use it less. The message got home partly by accident, after he had started falling away in delivering the googly. He was advised to bowl more leg breaks to get his action back and it was then, when the wickets came in even greater numbers, that he finally accepted the wisdom of his colleagues' words.

The reward for Mushtaq was not only 95 wickets for Somerset last season but also a recall to the Pakistan team for which he had previously achieved disappointingly little. This time he took 18 wickets in two Tests against Australia — after which Warne showed him the "mystery" ball — and ten wickets in a one-off Test against New Zealand.

Mushtaq readily acknowledges what county cricket has done for him, which is why he had no qualms about resigning with Somerset last week. "The main thing I have learnt in county cricket," he said, "is to be patient."

All this may sound like a strong argument in favour of the moratorium on overseas players in county cricket, but the failure of so many English players to learn how to play him may have more to do with Mushtaq's ability to keep on improving his game. At 26, he can only get better.

If England pay this summer for Mushtaq's latest modifications, it really ought to be their old foe Warne they should blame.

Brown stands by to swing into action

Ivo Tennant talks to an unassuming left-arm bowler whose yeoman efforts for Durham could earn overdue recognition from England

FAST bowlers like to relax in a variety of ways. Brian Statham would spend winter months in his slippers by the fire. Fred Trueman, whose rages would be stilled only by the sleep of the truly tired, exhausted himself through talk and more talk. At Mote Park last week, Simon Brown merely collapsed in his tracksuit amid the cluttered accessories on the dressing-room floor.

Brown is not Statham or Trueman and nor would he claim to be, for he is the most self-effacing of cricketers. He has, though, a record they would respect. In 4½ seasons, he has taken 286 first-class wickets for a side that is constantly at the foot of the championship table, and thus has earned such moments of relaxation as he can find. Durham have not won a match this summer, yet, on Saturday, Brown became the first bowler in the country to take 50 wickets.

It is hard for cricket followers in the North East to avoid concluding that, had Brown been playing for, say, Middlesex or Essex, he would have been chosen for England by now. He was close to being picked for a Test against Pakistan in 1992, Durham's first year in the championship, but Neil Mallender's greater experience was preferred. Four years on, the Pakistanis are back and once again Brown's name is mooted.

If the England selectors decide to continue to play a left-arm opening or first-change bowler, Brown will bear close comparison with Alan Mullally. The figures of the latter in this Test will ultimately decide the matter, but, presumably, thought will be given to Brown's form and, importantly, whether he has a greater ability to bring the ball back into the right-hander in addition to his natural slant across the bat.

This ability to swing the ball both ways is what has made Brown such a performer in county cricket. "I find that batsmen are more inclined to push out at the ball in case it comes into them," he said. "I can bring it back more often than not, sometimes gaining more rhythm in my second spell. I am naturally pretty fit and have always got through my share of overs."

That is an understatement. Brown has carried Durham's attack this season, as indeed he has every season. It is extraordinary to think that he had four years with Northamptonshire and scarcely made an impression. He shrugs the memory away. "They had a very strong seam attack at the time and it was hard to get into the side," he said. The experience constricted his ambitions, but he did benefit from the coaching of Dennis Lillee.

Or perhaps that is just his nature. He will bowl 25 or 30 overs in a day without complaint, but he is just as happy not playing. His wife hates the game and he is fond of his golf and his basketball, at which he had so much talent that he was offered a sports scholarship in the United States when he was 15.

He has no great ambition to play Test cricket. Indeed, he has no great ambition at all. It is a part of his charm. When he left Northamptonshire, having been homesick away from his native North East, Brown nearly gave up the game. He will bowl done so had Durham not become a first-class county, falling back instead on his winter work as an electrician for the North East Electricity Board.

Whether or not this lack of ambition has counted against him, a perception that he has taken a goodly number of wickets on dodgy pitches in the North East certainly has done. Yet this season he has gained more wickets in other counties than he has at Chester-le-Street. The next-highest wicket-taker for Durham since they entered the county championship is John Wood, whose 111 represents less than half his tally.

Brown has sought his advice carefully. As well as learning from Lillee, he has been helped by John Lever — "the best of county bowlers day-in, day-out". There are similarities that extend beyond bowling left-arm over the wicket at much the same pace. Lever, too, thrived on long spells and did not play for England until he was 27, the age Brown is now.

"If you have had enough grounding, Test cricket is not quite such a step up as it is for bowlers who are rushed in," Lever said. "John Snow used to argue that you are at your strongest as a pace bowler between the ages of 27 and 32. There are four left-armers fighting for one place, but Simon has proved he is strong, can swing the ball and bowl at a brisk pace. The selectors know what he can do."



Brown has carried the Durham attack with his consistent brand of brisk, left-arm bowling

SATURDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Gloucestershire v Glamorgan

BRISTOL (third day of four): Glamorgan have a first-innings lead of 328 over Gloucestershire

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 509 for 3 dec (M P Maynard 145 not out, S P James 118, H Morris 108, P A Cottey 101 not out)

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

A J Wright c Maynard b Butcher	15
R J Cunliffe b Watkin	18
T H C Hancock lbw b Butcher	5
R I Dawson c Shaw b Butcher	11
A Symonds c Morris b Watkin	8
M W Alleyne c Shaw b Butcher	27
†R C J Williams c Shaw b Watkin	44
M C J Ball c Evans b Butcher	6
A M Smith not out	18
J Lewis c Croft b Butcher	8
*C A Walsh c Maynard b Butcher	2
Extras (lb 7, nb 12)	19
Total (71.3 overs)	181

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-35, 2-39, 3-54, 4-63, 5-63, 6-130, 7-142, 8-156, 9-175

BOWLING: Watkin 24-8-64-3, Parkin 16-4-26-0, Butcher 23.3-4-77-7, Croft 6-4-7-0, Hendrick 2-2-0-0.

Bonus points: Gloucestershire 1, Glamorgan 9

Umpires: G I Burgess and J H Harris

Kent v Durham

MAIDSTONE (third day of four): Durham, with all second-innings wickets in hand, need 229 runs to beat Kent

KENT: First Innings 363 (C L Hooper 66, N J Llong 64, D P Fulton 64, T R Ward 50, S J E Brown 5 for 76)

Second Innings

M V Fleming c Ligertwood b Brown	12
N J Llong lbw b Brown	0
T R Ward run out	60
C L Hooper b Cox	105
J R Cowdrey c Ligertwood b Brown	15
*†S A Marsh st Ligertwood b Cox	10
M J McCague c Ligertwood b Brown	1
D W Headley run out	21
D P Fulton c Ligertwood b Cox	5
N W Preston c Ligertwood b Wood	10
E J Stanford not out	2
Extras (b 2, lb 1)	3
Total	244

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-16, 3-170, 4-185, 5-200, 6-204, 7-209, 8-224, 9-239

BOWLING: Brown 16-1-58-4, Wood 17.2-5-51-2, Bainbridge 14-2-52-0, Cox 22.4-8-52-3

DURHAM: First Innings

S L Campbell b Headley	31
S Hutton b McCague	8
J E Morris c Fulton b McCague	4
D A Blenkiron c McCague b Headley	3
*M A Roseberry c Marsh b McCague	60
P Bainbridge b Fleming	71
†D G C Ligertwood c Llong b Hooper	11
M M Betts lbw b McCague	32
S J E Brown c Marsh b Preston	13
D M Cox not out	15
J Wood c Hooper b Preston	0
Extras (lb 1, lb 4, nb 16)	21
Total (95.1 overs)	269

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-33, 2-91, 3-92, 4-59, 5-148, 6-168, 7-230, 8-259, 9-267.

BOWLING: McCague 26-7-69-4; Headley 27-4-86-2; Preston 16.1-4-42-2; Fleming 14-3-37-1; Hooper 9-2-24-1; Stanford 3-1-6-0.

Second Innings

S L Campbell not out	9
S Hutton not out	1
Extras (lb 1)	1
Total (no wkt)	11

BOWLING: McCague 4-3-4-0; Headley 3-1-5-0

Bonus points: Kent 6, Durham 6

Umpires: N T Plews and R Palmer.

Lancashire v Worcestershire

OLD TRAFFORD (third day of four): Lancashire, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, are 68 runs ahead of Worcestershire

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 392 (J E R Gallian 140, G D Lloyd 59, V S Solanki 5 for 116)

Second Innings

S P Titchard not out	15
J E R Gallian c Church b Ellis	0
N J Speak st Rhodes b Solanki	11
G Chapple not out	0
Total (2 wkts)	26

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-26

BOWLING: Shenyar 4-0-11-0; Ellis 5-3-7-1; Illingworth 3-1-6-0, Solanki 2-0-2-1.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

W P C Weston not out	171
M J Church run out	28
T S Curtis b Watkinson	29
*T M Moody c Titchard b Keedy	108
K R Spiring not out	0
Extras (b 11, w 1, nb 2)	14
Total (3 wkts dec, 95.2 overs)	350

V S Solanki, S R Lampitt, †S J Rhodes, R K Illingworth, S W K Ellis and A Sheriyar did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-70, 2-105, 3-329

BOWLING: Chapple 12-1-61-0; Ewenthy 10.2-2-42-0; Watkinson 23-4-82-1; Austin 17-5-52-0, Keedy 27-7-67-1; Gallian 6-0-35-0

Bonus points: Lancashire 5, Worcestershire 8.

Umpires: H D Bird and A A Jones.

Leicestershire v Essex

LEICESTER (third day of four): Essex, with six second-innings wickets in hand, are 98 runs behind Leicestershire

ESSEX: First Innings 163 (G J Parsons 4 for 21, D J Millns 4 for 74)

Second Innings

G A Gooch b Parsons	72
D D J Robinson lbw b Simmons	15
A P Grayson low b Simmons	35
S G Law c Pierson b Brimson	41
*P J Prichard not out	19
P M Such not out	1
Extras (lb 6, nb 4)	10
Total (4 wkts)	193

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-44, 2-104, 3-164, 4-190

BOWLING: Millns 6-0-34-0; Parsons 13-4-16-1, Simmons 14-2-61-2; Pierson 19-6-44-0; Wells 4-1-16-0, Brimson 7-1-15-1.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

V J Wells b Andrew	197
D L Maddy c Law b Irani	35
B F Smith c Rollins b Williams	18
P V Simmons c Gooch b Andrew	4
*J J Whitaker c Law b Andrew	4
A Habib lbw b Irani	1
†P A Nixon b Irani	0
D J Millns lbw b Grayson	103
G J Parsons st Rollins b Grayson	8
A R K Pierson not out	11
M T Brimson not out	13
Extras (b 1, lb 22, w 3, nb 34)	60
Total (9 wkts dec)	454

Score at 120 overs: 415-7.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-116, 2-177, 3-195, 4-203, 5-204, 6-204, 7-391, 8-425, 9-430.

BOWLING: Cowan 16-2-82-0; Williams 30-5-79-1; Andrew 22-5-67-3; Irani 25-4-100-3; Law 14-4-38-0; Such 13-3-31-0; Grayson 13-2-34-2.

Bonus points: Leicestershire 8, Essex 3.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and J W Holder.

Surrey v Middlesex

THE OVAL (third day of four): Middlesex, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, are 91 runs behind Surrey

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 232 (M R Ramprakash 80, M W Gatting 52, M P Bicknell 5 for 54, B P Julian 4 for 63)

Second Innings

P N Weekes lbw b Benjamin	3
J C Pooley b Benjamin	3
M R Ramprakash not out	22
*M W Gatting not out	9
Extras (b 1, w 3, nb 2)	6
Total (2 wkts)	43

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-16

BOWLING: M P Bicknell 6-2-16-0; Benjamin 6-5-4-2; Julian 7-1-22-0.

SURREY: First Innings

D J Bicknell c Pooley b Hewitt	48
M A Butcher c Pooley b Weekes	42
J D Ratcliffe c Pooley b Tufnell	37
N Shahid c Carr b Hewitt	13
A D Brown lbw b Fraser	57
*A J Hollioake c Carr b Tufnell	84
B P Julian c Gatting b Johnson	9
†G J Kersey b Tufnell	3
M P Bicknell c Brown b Tufnell	25
R M Pearson not out	14
J E Benjamin c Hewitt b Tufnell	1
Extras (b 2, lb 11, w 4, nb 16)	33
Total (116.3 overs)	366

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-85, 2-118, 3-132, 4-206, 5-296, 6-315, 7-320, 8-320, 9-364.

BOWLING: Fraser 22-5-59-1, Fay 29-9-95-0, Johnson 17-0-70-1; Tufnell 25.3-6-55-5; Weekes 11-4-29-1; Hewitt 12-4-44-2.

Bonus points: Surrey 8, Middlesex 5.

Umpires: J D Bond and A G T Whitehead.

Sussex v Hampshire

ARUNDEL (final day of four): Sussex (7pts) drew with Hampshire (9)

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 270 (M Keech 104, V P Terry 52)

Second Innings

J S Laney lbw b Lewry	83
V P Terry lbw b Lewry	4
K D James b Lewry	72
R A Smith b Lewry	28
M Keech b Lewry	19
*J P Stephenson not out	9
†A N Aymes not out	11
Extras (lb 11, w 1)	12
Total (5 wkts dec)	238

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-129, 3-173, 4-216, 5-217.

BOWLING: Giddins 15-2-48-0; Lewry 19-4-73-5; Law 13-2-28-0; Jarvis 4-0-10-0; Salisbury 18-2-56-0; Lenham 5-1-11-0.

SUSSEX: First Innings 193 (J P Stephenson 6 for 48, C A Connor 4 for 57)

Second Innings

C W J Athey c Terry b James	24
T A Radford lbw b Connor	2
*A P Wells c Aymes b Milburn	8
K Greenfield lbw b Stephenson	6
N J Lenham not out	55
D R Law low b Stephenson	13
†P Moores not out	7
Extras (b 4, lb 9)	13
Total (5 wkts)	128

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-22, 3-34, 4-58, 5-81.

BOWLING: Connor 11-2-33-1; Milburn 10-2-29-1; Stephenson 16-7-30-2; James 7-3-23-1.

Umpires: J C Balderstone and A Clarkson.

Warwickshire v Nottinghamshire

EDGBASTON (third day of four): Warwickshire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 172 runs ahead of Nottinghamshire

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

*A J Moles c Pollard b Afford	27
N V Knight c Cairns b Bowen	33
†M Burns c Archer b Cairns	81
D P Ostler c Pollard b Cairns	9
T L Penney lbw b Bowen	60
D R Brown c Walker b Cairns	4
S M Pollock b Pick	1
N M K Smith c Walker b Bowen	54
A F Giles not out	31
G C Small not out	23
Extras (b 2, lb 5, w 2, nb 18)	27
Total (8 wkts dec, 110.5 overs)	350

G Welch did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-57, 2-67, 3-108, 4-216, 5-220, 6-221, 7-293, 8-304.

BOWLING: Cairns 26-4-84-3; Evans 33-5-101-0; Pick 16-4-35-1; Bowen 22.5-5-80-3; Afford 13-4-43-1

Second Innings

*A J Moles not out	25
N V Knight not out	5
Extras (lb 2, nb 2)	4
Total (no wkt)	34

BOWLING: Pick 4-3-4-0; Bowen 4-1-28-0

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

P R Pollard c Burns b Pollock	0
R T Robinson c Moles b Pollock	5
G F Archer retired hurt	35
A A Metcalfe c Penney b Smith	91
*P Johnson b Pollock	6
C L Cairns not out	66
Extras (b 4, w 1, nb 4)	9
Total (4 wkts dec, 58.2 overs)	212

†L N P Walker, K P Evans, M N Bowen, R A Pick and J A Afford did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-5, 3-72, 4-212.

BOWLING: Pollock 10-1-31-3; Small 11-4-24-0; Smith 16.2-4-52-1; Brown 9-1-53-0; Giles 12-0-48-0

Bonus points: Warwickshire 5, Nottinghamshire 4.

Umpires: M J Kitchen and K E Palmer.

Edwards to come of age for England

ENGLAND'S women have turned to youth in an attempt to win the three-match series against New Zealand. For the third Test, which starts at Guildford on Friday, Charlotte Edwards, 16, an opening batsman, will become the youngest English woman to play Test cricket.

Edwards's uncapped Cambridge team-mate, Lucy Pearson, 24, is the other new face in the 12-strong party. Edwards, who also represents East Anglia, replaces Helen Plimmer, of Yorkshire, and Pearson, a left-arm medium-pace bowler, takes over from Jan Godman, who, like Plimmer, disappointed in the rain-ruined drawn second Test at Worcester.

Anne Gordon, the chief of selectors, said: "We have made the changes with an eye to the future, but also to try to win the three-match series. Edwards has shown excellent form and has a maturity beyond her years: I think she will handle the occasion well."

The second Test ended in a predictable draw after rain interrupted play throughout Saturday, New Zealand reaching 296 for six in reply to England's 276. Debbie Hockley, the New Zealand opener, moved confidently to her fourth Test century, only the third woman to score four hundreds in Tests after Enid Bakewell, of England, and Sandya Agarwal, of India.

Her hundred came off 226 balls and included 15 boundaries. She had scored 115 and batted for just over five hours when she was well caught in the gully by Suzie Redfern off the bowling of Kathryn Leng.

Maia Lewis recorded her best Test score with a maiden half-century off only 57 balls. She hit ten fours, before Clare Taylor finally claimed her wicket after she had been dropped four times.

SCORES: England 276 (J Smit 69, S Metcalfe 66, K Withers 6-73); New Zealand 296-6 (D Hockley 115, M Lewis 65). Match drawn.

ENGLAND PARTY: K Smithies (East Midlands, captain), S Redfern (East Midlands), J Smit (East Midlands), B Daniels (West Midlands), K Leng (Yorkshire), S Metcalfe (Yorkshire), M Reynard (Yorkshire), C Taylor (Yorkshire), C Edwards (East Anglia), L Pearson (East Anglia), D Stock (Thames Valley), J Brittin (Surrey).

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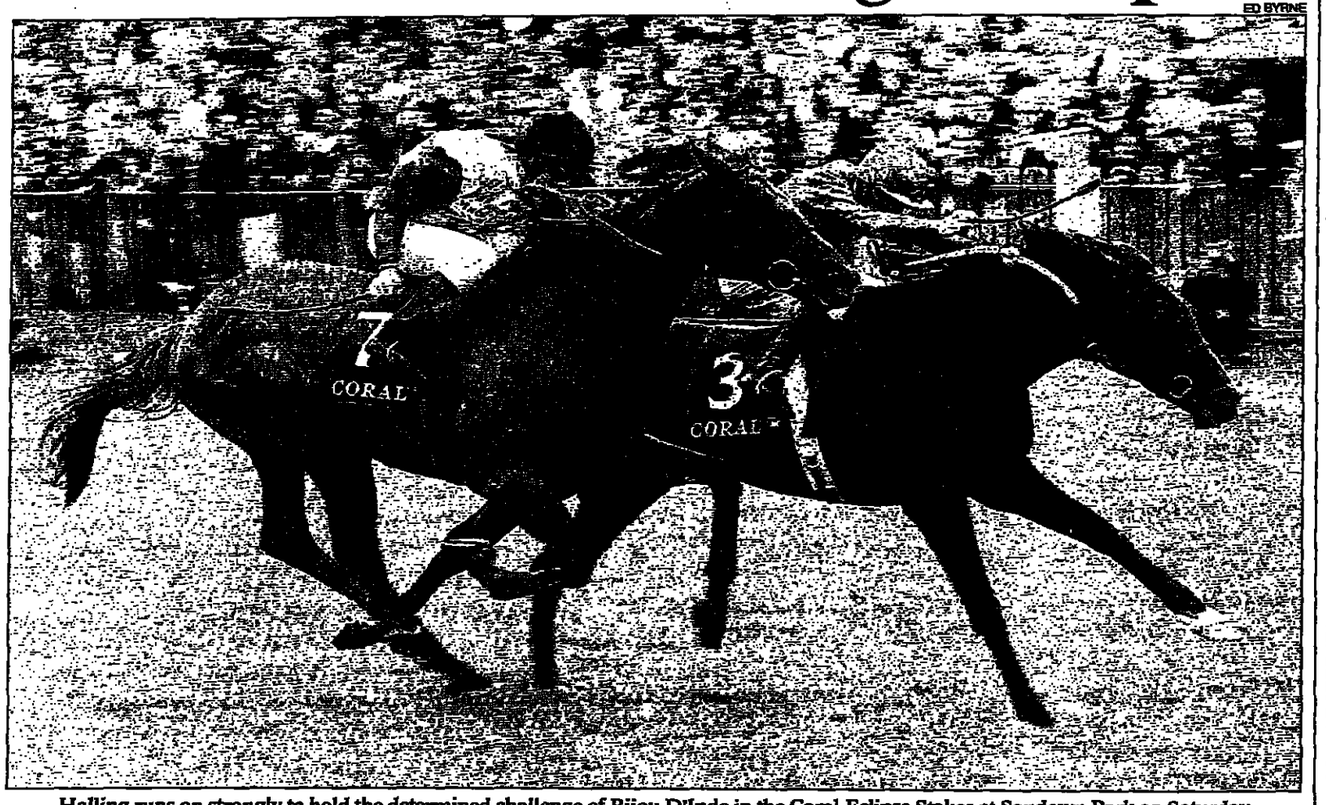
Bijou D'Inde shines through Eclipse

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

BIJOU D'INDE is likely to re-oppose Halling in the Juddmonte International Stakes at York after earning top billing among the classic generation and a stallion valuation in excess of £2 million in a thrilling Coral-Eclipse Stakes at Sandown Park.

Nigel Gray, the British Horseracing Board handicapper responsible for the middle-distance category, yesterday raised the Stuart Morrison-owned and Mark Johnston-trained colt by 4lb to a rating of 127 after he had failed by a neck to prevent Halling becoming only the fifth horse to win the group one race in successive years.

The official assessment, set against the mark of 123 allocated to Shaamit, the Derby winner, and the 125 given to Zagreb for his runaway success in the Irish Derby, makes Bijou D'Inde the top rated three-year-old in Europe.


ED BYRNE

Halling runs on strongly to hold the determined challenge of Bijou D'Inde in the Coral-Eclipse Stakes at Sandown Park on Saturday

While Johnston was the first to acknowledge Halling's class, which enabled the Godolphin-owned five-year-old to quicken a second time when Bijou D'Inde made a threatening challenge a furlong out, he said the outcome would have been even closer with different riding tactics. "Jason [Weaver] should have come up the stands' side on the better ground. It is always difficult to beat a horse that is hanging into you. Anyone who says we were lucky in the St James's Palace Stakes would have to say we were unlucky in the Eclipse, although I am not complaining about either race."

After the doubts about the ability of the Royal Ascot winner to handle the easier ground and extra quarter-mile, Bijou D'Inde confounded the sceptics and in so doing opened up a world of options. "Before the Eclipse we had said there was nothing for him until the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot in September, but the Juddmonte International Stakes at York, where the track and the ground would suit us better, is now a distinct possibility. It is quite likely we will reoppose Halling."

The Breeders' Cup Mile, the original end-of-season target, may be reviewed as his proven stamina could open up other races at Woodbine, the Canadian venue. "We have a little bit of a dream about wintering in Dubai and going for the Dubai World Cup. If we go to the Breeders' Cup, Bijou D'Inde could then fly on to Dubai rather than coming home."

Morrison, the Glasgow solicitor who bought Bijou D'Inde for just 20,000 guineas as a yearling, now finds himself in a most enviable position as would-be purchasers assess his value as a stallion.

Representatives of a British and an Irish stud had informal negotiations with Johnston last week about a possible purchase and, before Saturday, Morrison was thinking in terms of agreeing to a sale within the next week or two. Not surprisingly, the outcome of the Eclipse has prompted a change of heart. "After yesterday I think I will be keeping him until at least the end of the season, although ultimately it is inevitable he goes. I can't keep a horse of that quality," Morrison said yesterday.

Johnston told Morrison before the 2,000 Guineas that his Cadeaux Genereux colt was better bred than Mister Baileys, who won the Newmarket classic for the Middleham trainer in 1994 and was subsequently sold for £1.3 million. Informal discussions had taken place last week with bloodstock agents about his possible value "but everything has changed dramatically now".

He added: "We are not trying to negotiate a sale. We don't put for sale signs outside stable doors but personally I would say his value is now considerably more than £1.5 million. I don't think we would sell him for less than £2 million."

Halling, unbeaten on turf since August 1994, will now be aimed at the top ten-furlong races in Europe, starting at York and continuing with the Irish Champion Stakes and the Dubai Champion Stakes, before possibly having a crack at the Breeders' Cup Turf over 1½ miles.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: ARABIAN STORY (7.35 Windsor)
Next best: *Questonia* (9.05 Windsor)

Godolphin plans future by investing in youth

The pillar-to-post victory of Halling at Sandown Park on Saturday means that Godolphin has now registered five group one, or championship, victories this season and won around £1.6 million in prize-money — and it is tempting to suggest "you ain't seen nothing yet".

No sooner had the Coral-Eclipse Stakes trophy been returned to the sideboard in Newmarket where it had been displayed for the previous 12 months, than a hint of what lies in store was given by Simon Crisford, the eloquent voice of the Sheikh Mohammed-inspired racing operation.

When the Dubai team set up camp in Newmarket for the first time in earnest last year, they relied almost exclusively on horses aged three and upwards as they made successful hit-and-run raids on the top races. This year there has been a subtle change in strategy. Many more runners have been sent out from their Moulton Paddocks base, and those horses which have failed to come up to scratch have been given their P45s and dispatched back to Dubai without delay.

The reason for such ruthlessness is simple: to free as many boxes as possible for two-year-olds. Twenty of the 46 boxes at the Godolphin yard off the Bury Road are now given over to juveniles. "Two-year-olds will be the backbone of our organisation in future," Crisford said yesterday.

"There is an emphasis on trying to develop and bring through these horses to the race track, rather than hanging on to older horses that are not going to do a job for us."

Newmarket trainers might shudder at those words, but the latest chapter in the Dubai experiment bodes well for British racing. The adventurous ploy to throw a trio of two-year-olds into the deep end at Royal Ascot paid off handsomely with Shamikh winning the Chesham Stakes and the other two running with credit in the Queen Mary and Coventry Stakes.

RICHARD EVANS



Racing Commentary

The most talented Godolphin juveniles are still under wraps but should make their debut later this month. If they prove themselves on the racecourse they will no doubt join Shamikh and line up for the autumn's best two-year-old races, which traditionally provide the clues to the next season's classics.

All of which may just produce a Reference Point-type horse: one that is thoroughly campaigned as a two-year-old and is well known to the racing public come the Derby — unlike Lammtarra and Shaamit.

I have been trying, without much success, to calculate the combined wealth of Peter Savill, Sir Eric Parker and Bill Gredley. £15 million? £50 million? £150 million? Even more? My guess is that the last named is closest to the mark.

What prompted the thought was the Racehorse Owners' Association (ROA) annual meeting last week, when the three made a heartfelt plea that any cut in betting duty should swell racing's prizemoney, rather than being shared with punters in the shape of reduced deductions. There was even talk of an owners' "strike" to press home their case.

The ROA annual meetings are curious affairs. The atmosphere is similar to that found at fringe meetings of the Conservative Party conference or at a well performed Punch and Judy show. What happens does not always coincide with day-to-day reality.

It is not that I disagree with the need for Britain's internationally low levels of prize-money to be increased, but there was something slightly unreal, almost grotesque, about three of the wealthiest people in the land effectively saying the punter must contribute more towards the cost of their pleasure.

BATH

THUNDERER

2.00 Beyond Our Reach
2.30 King Of Sparta
3.00 Fabulous Mtoto
3.30 Muscatana
4.00 Special Beat
4.30 Bangles

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.30 King Of Sparta. 3.00 Meg's Memory.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

102 (12) 0-8432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell, P — pulled up, U — unseated rider, B — brought down, S — slipped up, R — refused, D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers, V — visor, H — hood, E — Eyeshield, C — course winner, D — distance winner, CD — course and distance winner, BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard, G — good, S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.00 KNOCKDOWN SELLING HANDICAP
(£2,360: 1m 5f 22yd) (15 runners)

1	(15)	4650/0	ORCHESTRAL DESIGNS 9J (M Cornish) G Ham 5-10-0	W J O'Connor	–
2	(13)	033512	DURHAM 9 (BF) (The Secret Pilots) R Simpson 5-8-9	Aimee Cook (7)	97
3	(7)	0/0/80	BEYOND OUR REACH 14 (BF,F,S) (Hunt & Co Ltd) R Hodges 5-9-1	Pat Eddery	88
4	(10)	000-006	BRICK COURT 44 (S) (R Johnson Houghton) R Johnson Houghton 4-8-6	B Smith (7)	85
5	(9)	50000-	WOODLANDS ENERGY 19J (Woodlands Ltd) P Pritchard 5-8-5	Jo Hunnam (7)	80
6	(4)	20/00/0	NASEER 19 (D,G) (P Purdy) N Bishop 7-8-6	R Perham	–
7	(3)	/044/0U	HERETICAL MISS 10 (D Jones (Swansea)) J Fitch-Heyes 6-8-4	S Drowne (3)	–
8	(12)	260-006	BRONZE RUNNER 14 (B,C,F,S) (Austin Stroud & Cnl E Wheeler 12-8-3	T Sprake	95
9	(1)	050/0	BRAVO STAR 6 (B) (Wyvern Racing) P Farrell 11-8-3	S Sanders	–
10	(14)	50/000-0	SUPERMICK 11 (Mrs J Mak) W Muir 5-7-13	C Rutter	–
11	(5)	400052	BRESIL 2 (CD,F) (P Sweeting) N Burke 7-7-10	N Varley (3)	97
12	(8)	0000-00	LA BELLE SHYANNE 9 (C Hill) R Baker 5-7-10	J Quinn	90
13	(6)	0020/6	COOCHIE 9 (B) (S McCausland) R Baker 7-7-10	N Adams	90
14	(2)	0000	FORMENTIERE 14 (R Mikes) J Bradley 3-7-10	A Mackay	90
15	(11)	0-38000	DOTS DEE 10 (F) (J Kearney) J Bradley 7-7-10	M Henry (3)	95

Long handicap: La Belle Shyanne 7-8, Coochie 7-5, Formentiere 7-5, Dots Dee 7-5

BETTING: 7-2 Durham, 5-1 Supermick, Brick Court, 6-1 Coochie, 8-1 Beyond Our Reach, Bronze Runner, Bresil, 10-1 others.

1995: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

DURHAM 14l 2nd of 12 to Chakalak in selling handicap at Lingfield (1m 5f, AW). BEYOND OUR REACH 6l 6th of 18 to Miss Laughter in selling handicap at Chepstow (1m, good). BRONZE RUNNER 94l 6th of 23 to Voices In The Sky in selling handicap at Windsor (1m 2f, good to firm) with BEYOND OUR REACH 5l 11th.

SUPERMICK 18l 8th of 17 to Dramatic Moment in maiden handicap at Salisbury (1m 2f, good to firm). BRESIL 3l 2nd of 16 to Risky Rose in selling handicap at Nottingham (1m 6f, firm). COOCHIE 16l 6th of 14 to Wadada in selling handicap at Bath (2m 1f, firm).

Selection: BEYOND OUR REACH

2.30 LIMPLEY STOKE MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,803: 1m 2f 46yd) (15 runners)

1	(13)	00	ALLSTARS ROCKET 14 (The Allstars Club) T Naughton 9-0	D Holland	–
2	(12)	22-4556	DECISION MAKER 21 (V) (The Boardroom Synd) R Hannon 9-0	Dane O'Neill (3)	93
3	(6)	420-	FLYING GREEN 288 (S De Zoete) R Charlton 9-0	T Sprake	95
4	(15)	622	KING OF SPARTA 24 (BF) (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 9-0	Pat Eddery	88
5	(9)	0-0	NEREUS 91 (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 9-0	G Bracs (7)	80
6	(10)	03	PHONETIC 44 (Miss B Swire) G Balding 9-0	A Clark	98
7	(1)	05	SHARP PROGRESS 24 (Looke Scottery & Bell Pipes) A Jones 9-0	B Doyle	77
8	(3)	0	TATHMIN 56 (Mrs J Bodycote) J Bosley 9-0	C Rutter	–
9	(4)	6052	TYPHOON LAD 13 (P McCarthy) S Dow 9-0	T Quinn	95
10	(2)		FREDDIE'S RECALL (Mr; H Moral) M Hearon-Ellis 8-9	S Drowne (3)	–
11	(7)	00	GOVERNANCE 32 (B Kelly) K McAuliffe 8-9	W J O'Connor	–
12	(8)	6-	KEALBRA LADY 373 (B Peacock) M Saunders 8-9	P P Murphy (5)	–
13	(11)	4	KIDSTON LASS 53 (R Bradley) J Toller 8-9	S Sanders	92
14	(5)	60	LADY MAGNUM 6 (Magnum Construction Ltd) J Neville 8-9	F Norton	94
15	(14)	00	MYFANWY BETHESDA 6 (B Llewelyn) B Llewelyn 8-9	V Slattery	–

BETTING: 3-1 King Of Sparta, 4-1 Typhoon Lad, Kidston Lass, 5-1 Flying Green, 10-1 Phonetic, 12-1 others.

1995: SPARROWHAWK 8-9 Pat Eddery (11-10 fav) B Hills 3 ran

FORM FOCUS

FLYING GREEN 2l 2nd of 15 to Winter Quarters in maiden at Kempton (7f, good to firm) last year. KING OF SPARTA 3¼l 2nd of 5 to Bowled Over in maiden auction at York (1m 4f, good). PHONETIC 7½l 3rd of 11 to My Lewicon in maiden at Kempton (1m, good to soft). SHARP PROGRESS 10½l 5th of 7 to Tiger Lake in maiden at Goodwood (1m 4f, good to firm). TYPHOON LAD 14l 2nd of 6 to Set Adrift in maiden at Lingfield (1m 2f, firm). KIDSTON LASS about 11 4th to Stately Dancer in maiden at Salisbury (1m 2f, good to firm).

Selection: KING OF SPARTA

3.00 RACING CHANNEL HANDICAP (£3,849: 1m 2f 46yd) (6 runners)

1	(1)	0-03023	ASKERN 8 (D,F) (H O'Donnell) D Haydn Jones 5-9-10	A Mackay	98
2	(5)	00-1031	CLASSIC DEFENCE 24 (D,F,G) (J Robb) J Hills 3-9-5	M Henry (3)	98
3	(2)	0-0013	FLORENTINO 28 (BF,G) (Lady Harrison) B Hills 3-9-1	Pat Eddery	97
4	(4)	084124	FABULOUS MTOTO 12 (D,F,G) (N Pike) M Saunders 6-8-7	J Quinn	88
5	(6)	00-1500	DHULIKHEL 42 (F,G) (G King) D Marks 3-8-7	D Harrison	98
6	(3)	00-1050	MEG'S MEMORY 17 (CD,G) (Mrs A Veale) John Berry 3-8-5	N Varley (3)	98

BETTING: 7-4 Classic Defence, 9-4 Florentino, 5-1 Fabulous Mtoto, 6-1 Askern, 8-1 Meg's Memory, 16-1 Dhulikhel.

1995: SILENTLY 3-9-7 L Dettori (15-8 fav) I Balding 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

ASKERN 1l 3rd of 8 to Roudoudaine in handicap at Chepstow (1m 2f, good to firm). CLASSIC DEFENCE beat Dauntless Destiny 3½l in handicap at Goodwood (1m 2f, good to firm). FLORENTINO 3l 3rd of 9 to Rival Bid in handicap at Warwick (1m 3f, firm). FABULOUS MTOTO 9¾l 4th of 13 to Nordanos in handicap at Kempton (1m 4f, good to firm). MEG'S MEMORY 11l 7th of 11 to Always Happy in claimer at Newmarket (1m, good to firm).

Selection: ASKERN

3.30 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND EVERSHOT MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,625: 5f 161yd) (11 runners)

1	(8)	03	COMMANDER JONES 12 (E Jones (Pearls) Ltd) B Meehan 9-0	B Doyle	90
2	(3)		CRYHAVOC (A Robinson) J Arnold 9-0	T Quinn	–
3	(7)	6	EFFERVESCENCE 11 (The Gold Buster Syndicate) R Hannon 9-0	R Hughes	88
4	(2)	243	IMPULSIF 14 (Mrs M Moloney) D French Davis 9-0	Dane O'Neill (3)	88
5	(4)		FLAMMA VESTALIS (A Lloyd-Webber/A Pye-Jeary) J Dunlop 8-9	S Whitworth	–
6	(1)		HAPPY GO LUCKY (Whitcombe Manor Racing Ltd) R O'Sullivan 8-9	S Sanders	–
7	(10)		IRTIFA (H Al Maktoum) P Wahyan 8-9	W Carson	–
8	(5)		MUSCATANA (K Al-Said) B Hills 8-9	Pat Eddery	–
9	(9)	40	ONEKNIGHT WITH YOU 11 (D Clee) M Fetherston-Godley 8-9	D Holland	97
10	(11)		SILVER PURSE (A Jones) A Jones 8-9	T Sprake	–
11	(6)		TOPPS TRIO (Tulsino Racing) K Cunningham-Brown 8-9	D R McCabe	–

BETTING: 7-4 Muscatana, 3-1 Effervescence, 4-1 Flamma Vestalis, 8-1 Impulsif, 10-1 Irtifa, 12-1 others

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FORM FOCUS

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Selection: IMPULSIF

4.00 ACTON TURVILLE MAIDEN HANDICAP
(£3,667: 2m 1f 34yd) (7 runners)

1	(3)	55-0006	CYPRESS AVENUE 3 (C Spencer-Phillips) R Hannon 4-10-0	R Hughes	98
2	(2)	54550-0	SPECIAL BEAT 24 (C Mamer) P Cole 4-8-6	T Quinn	98
3	(7)	65-4	DOUBLE DASH 38 (Middleham Pines) M Johnston 3-8-5	D Holland	95
4	(5)	030-00	PRINTERS QUILL 37 (Mrs B Woodford) D Chappell 4-8-4	A Clark	90
5	(1)	3/650-43	SOPHISM 9 (Martin Pipe Racing Club) M Pipe 7-7-10	M Henry (3)	95
6	(4)	3-26084	PEDALTOTHEMETAL 23 (G Harris) P Mitchell 4-7-10	J Quinn	88
7	(6)	/0000-0	BITE THE BULLET 33 (R Drinkwater) A Chamberlain 5-7-10	N Adams	–

Long handicap: Sophism 7-9 Pedaltothemetal 7-9, Bite The Bullet 6-7

BETTING: 7-4 Sophism, 7-2 Special Beat, 5-1 Double Dash, 7-1 Pedaltothemetal, Cypress Avenue, 12-1 others

1995: TORAJA 3-9-10 W Carson (8-13 fav) J Dunlop 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

CYPRESS AVENUE 3¼l 6th to Clerkenwell in maiden at Sandown (1m 6f, good). SPECIAL BEAT 5l 5th to Messad The Boat in maiden handicap here (1m 5f, hard) last year. DOUBLE DASH 10l 4th of 5 to Candle Smile in maiden at Ayr (1m 5f, good). SOPHISM 16l 3rd to Wadada in selling handicap over course and distance (firm). PEDALTOTHEMETAL 3¾l 4th of 6 to Mr Copyface in handicap over course and distance (good to firm).

Selection: DOUBLE DASH

4.30 SALTFORD APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£2,141: 5f 11yd) (11 runners)

1	(3)	3000-00	BANGLES 11 (CD,BF,F,G) (J Rose) Lord Huntingdon 6-10-0	R Fincch (5)	93
2	(7)	240-601	WALK THE BEAT 9 (D,F,G,S) (Country Life Pens) M Meade 6-9-13	D Sweeney	95
3	(11)	1-40000	JOHAYRO 28 (D,F) (F Brady) W & M Turner 3-9-12	S Hannon (5)	91
4	(6)	00-0350	ASTRAL INVADER 10 (D,F,S) (M Saunders) M Saunders 4-9-3	–	94
5	(10)	045048	SECRET MISS 14 (D,S) (A Jones) A Jones 4-9-1	D Denby	94
6	(4)	000065	TOMMY TEMPEST 9 (D,G,S) (A White) R Peacock 7-8-8	P Doe (3)	89
7	(2)	000	DUET 39 (Dajam Ltd) J King 3-8-1	K Sait (7)	88
8	(1)	000000	DEARDAW 10 (Miss D Kerr) M Usher 4-8-1	R Brisland (7)	85
9	(5)	000500	IVY LILIAN 3 (Mr Hughes) W Brisbourne 4-7-12	J Fowle (5)	88
10	(8)	256000-	GRAND TIME 330 (V,D,F,G,S) (C Hill) R Baker 7-7-10	J Wilkinson	80
11	(9)	86000-0	WOODLANDS ELECTRIC 182 (Woodlands Ltd) P Pritchard 6-7-10	Jo Hunnam	–

Long handicap: Woodlands Electric 6-9

BETTING: 2-1 Walk The Beat, 7-2 Secret Miss, 5-1 Tommy Tempest, 7-1 Bangles, 8-1 Astral Invader, 12-1 Deardaw, 14-1 Duet, 16-1 others.

1995: PALEY PRINCE 9-9-1 Aimee Cook (9-2) M Usher 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

WALK THE BEAT beat Spreader short-head in handicap at Lingfield (5f, firm) with TOMMY TEMPEST (3lb better off) 1½l 5th. ASTRAL INVADER 2¼l 5th to Always Grace in handicap at Brighton (6f, good). SECRET MISS 2¼l 4th of 16 to Halland in selling handicap at Lingfield (5f, good to firm). FABULOUS MTOTO 9¾l 4th of 13 to Nordanos in handicap at Kempton (1m 4f, good to firm). MEG'S MEMORY 11l 7th of 11 to Always Happy in claimer at Newmarket (1m, good to firm).

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COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
R Charlton	14	36	38.9	M Henry	6	24	25.0
Lord Huntingdon	8	29	27.6	Pat Eddery	22	94	23.4
J King	7	28	25.0	T Quinn	26	154	16.9
J Dunlop	9	45	20.0	R Hughes	10	60	16.7
J Toller	3	16	18.8	S Sanders	4	33	12.1
P Cole	20	110	18.2	Dane O'Neill	3	25	12.0

WINDSOR

THUNDERER

6.40 Premier League. 7.10 Victory Dancer. 7.35 Arabian Story. 8.05 Gentle Irony. 8.35 Sea Danzig. 9.05 Questonia.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 9.05 QUESTONIA (nap).

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING SIS

6.40 BARRY AND SHEILA NOAKES HANDICAP
(£3,453: 1m 2f 7yd) (25 runners)

101	0020	TYPHOON EIGHT 37 (B) B Hills 4-10-0	D Holland	4
102	0154	MYFONTAINE 28 (C,D,S) K Ivory 9-10-0	B Doyle	10
103	6000	FAIRY KNIGHT 35 (D) R Hannon 4-9-13	R Hughes	8
104	-041	GAME PLOY 7 (CD) D Haydn Jones 4-9-11 (5ex)	Pat Eddery	15
105	1364	IT'STHEBUSINESS 29 (V,D) S Dow 4-9-5	T Quinn	5
106	6302	PREMIER LEAGUE 7 (D,B,S) J Long 6-9-5	R Price	14
107	0033	SUPER HIGH 16 (B,G) P Howling 4-9-4	F Norton	24
108	3200	PRINCESS DANIELLE 17 (D,F,S) W Muir 4-9-4	C Rutter	19
109	4-02	BALLPOINT 23 R Hannon 3-9-3	Dane O'Neill (3)	1
110	342-	PUNITH 23J (V,D,F,G) N Graham 5-9-2	D Harrison	20
111	4430	KOATHARY 24 (BF) L Cottrell 5-9-1	S Drowne (3)	22
112	5014	ASHBY HILL 23 (F) R Rowe 5-8-13	A Clark	11
113	6010	WARSPITE 12 R O'Sullivan 6-8-11	S Sanders	15
114	-084	GENERAL SHIRLEY 30U P Hedger 5-8-9	A McGlone	3
115	00-0	SKIANI 34 B Dixon 3-8-7	D McKeown	9
116	0400	EASTINI GOLD 14 M Usher 4-8-7	T Sprake	25
117	0802	LABUDD 7 (G) R Ingram 6-8-3	N Adams	17
118	00-6	COURSE FISHING 12 (D,F) B McMahon 5-8-2	B Carter	6
119	6624	ZAHRAN 5 (F,G) J Bradley 5-8-0	A Mackay	21
120	0105	DUTY SERGEANT 8 (F,G,S) P Mitchell 7-7-13	W Carson	18
121	2431	RUMIC SYMBOL 14 (D,F) M Blanshard 5-7-13	J Quinn	7
122	6440	LADY SABINA 13 (D,G) W Musson 6-7-12	Declan O'Shea	12
123	-605	JOHNS JOY 14 (CD,F,G) J Bridger 11-7-11	Darren Moffatt (3)	13
124	005	CHALLENGER 9 J Sheehan 3-7-11	M Henry (5)	23
125	6253	RING THE CHIEF 10 M Usher 4-7-10	Martin Dwyer (5)	2

7-1 Game Ploy, 8-1 Myfontaine, Ballpoint, 12-1 It'sthebusiness, Labudd, Ashby Hill, 14-1 others.

7.10 MACKESON CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,339: 5f 217yd) (7)
SKY

201	10	MELIKSAH 17 (F) M Bell 9-2	G Faulkner (7)	7
202	31	VICTORY DANCER 16 (F) B Meehan 9-2	B Doyle	1
203	41	PEARTREE HOUSE 16 (D,F) B Hills 9-0	Pat Eddery	6
204		DICKIE BIRD A Hannon 8-10	R Hughes	5
205	316	GREEN JEWEL 18 (D,G) R Hannon 8-9	Dane O'Neill (3)	2
206	142	HIL RHAPSODY 25 (G) B Palling 8-9	T Sprake	3
207	56	LILY JAQUES 19 P Cole 8-5	T Quinn	4

3-1 Green Jewel, 7-2 Peartree House, 4-1 Meliksah, 5-1 Victory Dancer, Hil Rhapsody, 8-1 Dickie Bird, 14-1 Lily Jaques.

7.35 WHITBREAD LIMITED STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,558: 1m 3f 135yd) (9)
SKY

301	0-31	HAYAARI 9 (D,F) W Haggas 8-13	W Carson	6
302	2000	INFAMOUS 20 (S) P Cole 8-13	T Quinn	9
303	1	JAZZ KING 21 (F) Mrs G

ROWING: IMPERIAL COACH ON OLYMPIC DUTY MISSES COLLEGE'S TWIN TRIUMPH ON FINAL DAY AT HENLEY

Crew heeds Mason's Grand instruction

By Mike Rosewell
Rowing Correspondent



Goldie on their way to victory over Leander in the final of the Ladies' Plate at Henley yesterday. Photograph: Julian Herbert

BILL MASON, who is training the British women's Olympic eight in Canada but is due to return to his coaching job at Imperial College in September, sent a message to the Imperial crew at Henley: "Win the Grand. I did."

The Imperial/Queen's Tower crew did just that yesterday with a two-length victory over the Dutch national lightweights in the fastest time of the regatta. This was the first Grand eights success for Imperial and the news will presumably get to Mason, with the icing that another Queen's Tower crew also won the Wyfold fours after rowing through a tough Molesey crew in the second half. Yale, from the United States, in the hundreth anniversary of their first Henley entry, deprived Imperial of a hat-trick in the final of the Temple Cup eights.

Those who expected a tight Ladies' Challenge Plate final betwen Leander and Goldie were thwarted by the Cambridge crew, who produced a scintillating row to win by 3½ lengths. Miles Barnett, the Goldie stroke and one of five Boat Race winners in the line-up, introduced an unscheduled early spring just 90 seconds into the battle. Pushing the rate to 40½, his crew led by a length at the Barrier and Leander were history.

Four of the Goldie crew also raced in the Stewards' Challenge Cup final but were beaten by four Nottingham County/London lightweight internationals. One of them, Bill Baker, was a last-minute replacement for Andy Butt, whose wife went into labour on Friday. Baker got a Henley winners medal: Butt has a 6lb 4oz son.

Overseas crews swept the board in the doubles, pairs and singles. The Double Sculls Challenge Cup was won by Greg Walker and Greg Lewis, from the United States, some consolation in a year when they just missed Olympic selection. Hermann Bauer, of Austria, with his new partner, Andreas Nader, regained his grasp on the Silver Goblets and Nickells' Cup after a gap of five years, during which time Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent have reigned supreme. The Austrians, who were pushed hard by Jon Singfield and Adrian Cassidy on Saturday, won comfortably yesterday against the Swiss Olympic spare men.

Maria Brandin, Sweden's world champion, duly defender her Women's Sculls title, her only hiccup in the process being the need to find a stronger boat after her first race. Merlin Vervoorn, 20, from Holland, displayed maturity in sculling past Andy Bihrer, of Switzerland, in the second half of the Diamond Sculls final. The young Dutchman has decided to race in the Under-23 Nations Cup rather than go to Atlanta as spare man "I have chosen to row, not to watch," he said.

Oxford Brookes won the Britannia Cup for coxed fours, their third Henley trophy in four years, beating London University narrowly. For the two London bow men, Dominic Hill and Jamies Cornell, it was a sad rerun of 1995.

Oxford's other university just missed out in the Visitors Cup for fours. The crew, with the new president, Ed Bellamy, at bow, led the polished Argo crew from Holland, before succumbing in the last 20 strokes. Neptune, the Irish champions, took the Thames Cup, in spite of a strong late challenge from Wallingford.

The standard of the school boy-winners at Henley was exceptional this year, in the Princess Elizabeth Challenge Cup eights and the Fawley Challenge Cup quads. After ending Canford's giant-killing act on Saturday, Brentwood College School, Canada, really opened up in the Princess Elizabeth final yesterday to overwhelm St Edward's, recording a time only three seconds outside the record.

Britain's top junior scullers were scattered among the two final Fawley Cup quads. The winners were the favourites, from Windsor Boys' and Poplar, who recovered despite being led at halfway.

RUGBY UNION

Australians fall apart beneath All Black storm

New Zealand 43
Australia 6

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

NEVER let it be said that poor weather in the northern hemisphere is an excuse for poor play: the Australians proved that they could overcome British conditions in 1984 and, in windy Wellington on Saturday, New Zealand produced a phenomenal display of wet-weather rugby.

The All Blacks have laid down a marker for the first match in the inaugural trination tournament — the next is between Australia and South Africa in Sydney on Saturday — which their partners will do well to match. They did so at Athletic Park, one of the poorest international grounds in the world, into the teeth of a south-easterly gale and heavy rain.

The secret, John Hart, their coach, said, was in attitude. That is a message which Ian McGeechan, among others, has been trying to drill into his charges at Northampton, but all too often English teams pay only lip service to the concept. Now they are professional, they will have to embrace it: as Sir Tasker Watkins, president of the Welsh Rugby Union, tartly pointed out to his union's annual meeting: "No sensible person pays, or goes on paying, for failure."

It is less than a month since Wales returned from Australia beaten 56-25 and 42-3 and it may be some solace to Scotland that Hart believes their forwards tested New Zealand more in the two internationals last month than did Australia. "I don't think Scotland received the credit they deserved," Hart said.

In the 93-year history of matches between the Antipodean rivals, Australia have never received such a hiding, in the midst of which Andrew Mehrtens reached 200 points in only his twelfth international — the fastest double-century on record. But the young Canterbury stand-off half was only one of a team whose positive approach shone in the gloom from the first moment.

"We have to be very careful not to get carried away with that performance when the Australians didn't play anywhere near their potential," Hart said. Four tries into the wind (the first in only the second minute) and stout defending during the second-half phase, when Australia created their only genuine try-scoring opportunities, were cause for deep satisfaction. Nor were the All Blacks dependent upon set-pieces: the key to their domination lay in the loose, where the Australian back row was obliterated.

Josh Kronfeld and Michael Jones, both open-side flankers by nature, worked in tandem so well that Zinzan Brooke could play the roving role he loves. At no stage did the Australian runners cross the advantage line, more often than not they were devoured in the tackle and stripped of possession, leaving the New Zealand half backs, Mehrtens and Justin Marshall, to dictate the pattern of the game.

Australia have brought in Pat Howard and George Gregan to replace Scott Bowen and Sam Payne at half back against South Africa at Sydney on Saturday.

AUSTRALIA: M Burke, B Tune, J Roff, T Horan, D Campese; P Howard, G Gregan; M Brial, D Wilson, D Manu, J Eales, G Morgan, A Heath, M Foley, D Crowley

For the first time in 77 appearances, Sean Fitzpatrick did not complete an international, but the All Blacks captain, who chipped the bone in his elbow, expects to be fit to meet South Africa in Christchurch on July 20.

SCORERS: New Zealand: Tries: M Jones, Cullen, Marshall, Z Brooke, Wilson, Lomu. Conversions: Mehrtens (2). Penalty goals: Mehrtens (3). Australia: Penalty goals: Burke (2)

NEW ZEALAND: C M Cullen (Manawatu), J W Wilson (Otago), F E Bunce (North Harbour), W K Little (North Harbour), J T Lomu (Counties); A P Mehrtens (Canterbury), J W Marshall (Canterbury), C W Dowd (Auckland), S B T Fitzpatrick (Auckland, captain), O M Brown (Auckland), M N Jones (Auckland), I D Jones (North Harbour), R M Brooke (Auckland), J A Kronfeld (Otago), Z V Brooke (Auckland). Fitzpatrick replaced by N J Hewitt (Southland, 72min), Cullen temporarily replaced by E J Rush (North Harbour, 10-11)

AUSTRALIA: M B Burke (NSW), B N Tune (Queensland), J Roff (ACT), T J Horan (Queensland), D I Campese (NSW), S Bowen (NSW), S Payne (NSW), R Harry (NSW), M A Foley (Queensland), D J Crowley (Queensland), O Finegan (ACT), G J Morgan (Queensland), J A Eales (Queensland, captain), D J Wilson (Queensland), M C Brial (NSW)

Referee: E F Morrison (England)

Pugh pours scorn on Union over TV stance

By David Hands

THE charm offensive being conducted by the Rugby Football Union (RFU) will continue this week as the potentially stormy annual meeting looms on Friday, but it received scathing condemnation from Wales on Saturday. What the RFU perceives as commercial logic was given short shrift by Vernon Pugh, the chairman of the Welsh Rugby Union, at its own annual meeting in Port Talbot.

All of England's clubs have been circulated with the justification for the RFU's independent stance over television negotiations, which has caused a deep rift with the other home unions.

Scotland and Ireland have already confirmed their opposition to England's move, which threatens their place in the five nations' championship. Wales have now raised queries over the nature of the £87.5 million agreement which the RFU has reached with BSkyB, the satellite television company part-owned by News International, owners of The Times.

"The impression created is that pay-per-view has no place in the contract," Pugh said. "We believe, on good grounds, that the position is different from that. I think the rugby public in England should know what the details of the contract are."

The RFU says there is no pay-per-view planned for the duration of the proposed five-year contract.

Pugh poured scorn on the RFU's claim that its actions are in the interests of all. "What is good for Wales will be decided in Wales," he said. "What is offered us is, in relative terms, patronising and unfair. If we accept, we will be consigned to the role of poor neighbours in world rugby. We say that if England follow the path defined for them by a few, they will have no championship in which to play."

RIPON

THUNDERER

7.00 Guesstimation. 7.25 Sheraton Girl. 7.50 ONE POUND (nap). 8.20 Maiteamia. 8.50 King's Academy. 9.20 Champagne N Dreams.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 7.25 HOH SURPRISE.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

7.00 FISHERGATE SELLING STAKES (£2,707: 1m 2f) (13 runners)

1	(9)	0245	FORZAR 3 (B,G) J J O'Neill 4-9-12	J Weaver	92
2	(13)	-111	NORTH ARDAR 17 (D,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 8-9-12	S Copp (5)	91
3	(6)	-050	ACQUITTAL 14 (V,F) A Streeter 4-9-7	R Havlin (5)	83
4	(11)	3004	DIAMOND CROWN 7 (D,F) M Ware 5-9-7	K Fallon	83
5	(4)	6600	GALLARDINI 8 (B,D,G,S) B Rothwell 7-9-7	J Stack	82
6	(3)	0065	GUESSTIMATION 19 (C,D,F,G,S) J Pearce 7-9-7	G Bardwell	82
7	(8)	0-32	WILLY STAR 3 (G) Mrs S Smith 6-9-7	K Darley	81
8	(10)	0-04	BOY BLAKENEY 10 Mrs S Smith 3-8-10	Dale Gibson	77
9	(1)	4-	SLEEPY BOY 258 W Storey 3-8-10	N Kennedy	—
10	(7)	0-06	HARSH TIMES 3 (B,G) T Easterby 3-8-5	M Birch	91
11	(2)	48	LEBEDINSKI 44 Mrs P Sly 3-8-5	A Culhane	81
12	(12)	0	PRINCESSE LYPHARD 17 M Polglase 3-8-5	W Hollick	—
13	(5)	0040	VESHCA LADY 14 (V,F) E Weymes 3-8-5	J Fanning	88

4-1 North Ardar, 9-2 Forzar. Guesstimation, 5-1 Willy Star, 7-1 others

7.25 SKELLGATE MAIDEN AUCTION FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,576: 5f) (7) SKY

1	(7)	36	CASUAL COTTAGE 38 (V) C Murray 8-7	J Weaver	78
2	(1)	5	SHERATON GIRL 49 M Johnston 8-5	M Hills	—
3	(4)	45	FIVE LIVE 7 M Hammond 8-4	K Fallon	91
4	(6)	464	UNDER PRESSURE 21 T Easterby 8-4	M Birch	89
5	(3)	2	HOH SURPRISE 38 M Bell 8-2	P Robinson	69
6	(2)	3	MY GIRL 21 J Berry 8-2	J Carroll	74
7	(5)	5	TEDDY'S BOW 18 M W Easterby 8-2	Dale Gibson	73

3-4 Hoh Surprise, 11-4 Five Live, 4-1 My Girl, Under Pressure, 5-1 others.

7.50 BONDGATE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £4,458: 1m 4f 60yd) (12) SKY

1	(9)	6232	MENTAL PRESSURE 17 Mrs M Reveley 9-7	K Darley	95
2	(11)	0661	VILLAGE KING 12 (D,F) R Hannon 9-6	J F Egan	93
3	(4)	310	LORD OF THE MANOR 34 (G) M Johnston 9-3	J Weaver	91
4	(5)	336	BLURRED 42 M Tompkins 9-2	P Robinson	92
5	(3)	004	MUKEED 16 J Gosden 9-2	Dale Gibson	95
6	(12)	2516	EXACTLY 34 (CD,G) J Eyre 9-1	T Williams	98
7	(11)	065	BERLIN BLUE 9 J Watts 9-1	J Carroll	90
8	(10)	-560	NARISMA 19 Denys Smith 8-13	K Fallon	95
9	(2)	-012	ONE POUND 19 (D,F) B Hills 8-13	M Hills	97
10	(6)	0310	DIEGO 15 (D,G) C Brittain 8-11	W Ryan	92
11	(5)	2064	RIVERCARE 3 M Polglase 8-4	N Carlisle	69
12	(7)	0000	CLASH OF SWORDS 27 P Calver 8-3	M Birch	80

7-2 Village King, 5-1 Diego, One Pound, 6-1 Mental Pressure, Mokeed, Berlin Blue, 8-1 Exactly, 12-1 others.

8.20 SINGER & FRIEDLANDER HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £4,302. 6f) (9) SKY

1	(3)	0311	INDIAN RELATIVE 9 (D,F) R Guest 9-7	D Griffiths (5)	88
2	(4)	02-0	BRANSTON DANNI 17 (F) Mrs J Ramsden 9-7	K Fallon	88
3	(6)	5-53	MERRILY 34 Miss S Hall 9-5	K Darley	95
4	(2)	1106	LIMERICK PRINCESS 18 (D,G,S) J Berry 9-2	Joanne Webster (7)	95
5	(8)	1212	MAITEAMIA 28 (B,D,BF,G,S) S Bowring 9-2	J Weaver	93
6	(5)	4204	THE WAD 4 (D,F) D Nicholls 8-12	W Ryan	94
7	(1)	0001	PHARAOH'S JOY 11 (D,F) J Payne 8-2	P Robinson	97
8	(9)	0322	PATHAZE 12 (F) M Bycroft 7-13	Dale Gibson	90
9	(7)	6444	CAMONNEUR 4 (B,BF) T Easterby 7-10	J Lowe	91

9-2 Indian Relative, 5-1 Maiteamia, Limerick Princess, Pharaoh's Joy, 6-1 others.

8.50 KIRKGATE MAIDEN STAKES (£3,680: 1m) (14)

1	(7)	00-	SICARIAN 290 M Heaton-Ellis 4-9-7	A Procter	68
2	(9)	6	PETIT FLORA 2 G Holmes 4-9-2	J Fanning	—
3	(3)	43	TOULSTON LADY 2 M Camacho 4-9-2	L Charnock	71
4	(8)	643	GOLDEN THUNDERBOLT 17 J Gosden 3-8-12	J Lowe	86
5	(5)	035	KING'S ACADEMY 17 H Cecil 3-8-12	W Ryan	93
6	(4)	0	ROAD RACER 14 Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-12	Ita Dooling	78
7	(10)	42-4	STELLAR LINE 77 (BF) B Hills 3-8-12	M Hills	69
8	(11)		SWYNFORD SUPREME J Bottomley 3-8-12	R Lappin	—
9	(2)		CAMERON EDGE A Mulholland 3-8-7	J Carroll	—
10	(14)	5440	DISPOL GEM 42 G Oldroyd 3-8-7	K Fallon	93
11	(12)	5-0	HAYSONG 4 J Leigh 3-8-7	A Culhane	—
12	(1)		JEOPARDIZE C Britain 3-8-7	M Birch	—
13	(6)	00	MUSTARD 18 A Mulholland 3-8-7	T Williams	—
14	(13)	55	PETARINA 30 Miss J Craze 3-8-7	N Connorton	75

5-2 Golden Thunderbolt, 7-2 Stellar Line, King's Academy, Jeopardize, 15-1 Swynford Supreme, Road Racer, 20-1 Cameron Edge, 25-1 others.

9.20 WESTGATE HANDICAP (£3,096: 1m) (12)

1	(10)	0334	SCARABEN 10 (D,BF,F,G,S) S Kettlewell 8-10-0	J Stack	93
2	(8)	0325	CHINENSIS 24 (BF) L Cumani 3-9-7	D Urbina	93
3	(9)	1023	SARHARROV 3 (BF,F,G) M Johnston 7-9-4	J Weaver	91
4	(1)	54-0	PLEASURE TRICK 25 (D,F,G) F Iocosa 5-9-1	Kim Tinkler	94
5	(3)	5-50	LARN FORT 100 (V,D,F,G) C Fairhurst 6-8-13	L Charnock	91
6	(5)	0000	DAKBURY 243 Miss L Siddall 4-8-13	K Fallon	93
7	(11)	0230	LUCKY BEA 16 (D,G) M W Easterby 3-8-11	Dale Gibson	94
8	(6)	0020	NORTHERN JUDGE 10 (B) B Hanbury 3-8-11	W Ryan	93
9	(12)	6405	BENJAMINS LAW 16 (D,G) J Pickering 5-8-6	R Lappin	90
10	(2)	-663	CHAMPAGNE N DREAMS 20 (F) D Nicholls 4-8-7	K Darley	91
11	(7)	0444	EURO SCEPTIC 10 (B,D,F,G) T Easterby 4-8-7	F Lynch (3)	94
12	(1)	0282	BEDAZZLE 3 (D,G) M Britton 5-7-12	J Lowe	97

4-1 Scaraben, Chinensis, 5-1 Sakharov, Champagne N Dreams, 6-1 Euro Sceptic, 8-1 Bedazzle, Benjamins Law, 10-1 others

RESULTS FROM HENLEY ROYAL REGATTA

Thames Cup

Holders: Imperial College, London

Semi-finals

Neptune (Ire) bt London A ¾l, 6min 45sec
Wallingford A bt Essen-Kupferdreh (Ger) 3ft, 6:38

Final

Neptune bt Wallingford A ¾l, 6:29

Temple Cup

Holders: Oxford Brookes University

Quarter-finals

Univ of London bt Newcastle Univ ½l, 6:36
Imperial Coll, London A bt Nereus (Holl) 2½l, 6:38
Yale Univ (US) bt Goldie 1½l, 6.50
Trinity Coll, Dublin bt Oxford Brookes Univ A *4½l, 6:44*

Semi-finals

Yale Univ bt Trinity Coll 1l, 6:29
Imperial Coll A bt Univ of London ¾l, 6:25

Final

Yale Univ bt Imperial Coll A 1¾l, 6:26

Princess Elizabeth Cup

Holders: Eton

Semi-finals

St Edward's bt St Paul's 1¾l, 6 55
Brentwood Coll (Can) bt Canford 2l, 6:41

Final

Brentwood Coll bt St Edward's easily, 6:25

Wyfold Cup

Holders: Lea A

Semi-finals

Molesey A bt Nottingham B 2¼l, 7:08
Queen's Tower bt Nottingham A 3½l, 7.12

Final

Queen's Tower bt Molesey A ¾l, 6:46

Diamond Sculls

Holder: J Jeanson (Est)

Semi-finals

A R Bihrer (Grasshopper, Switz) bt O W Hall-Craggs (Tideways Scullers' Sch) 4½l, 8.22
M L O Vervoorn (Delftsche Proctus-Erste, Holl) bt P E Reedy (Melbourne Univ, Aus) 2½l, 8:19

Final

Vervoorn bt Bihrer 1½l, 7:42

Britannia Cup

Holders: Wallingford

Semi-finals

Oxford Brookes Univ bt Georgetown Univ (US) 1¾l, 7 31
Univ of London bt Kingston 1½l, 7:27

Final

Oxford Brookes bt Univ of London ¾l, 7.06

Women's Sculls

Holder: M H Brandin (Swe)

Semi-finals

M H Brandin (Kingalvs Roddldubb, Swe) bt R C Stanhope (Tideway's Scullers Sch) easily, 8 41
C Luthi (Reuss Lucerne, Switz) bt B Wicki (Stanssiad, Switz) easily, 9:01

Final

Brandin bt Luthi 4¾l, 8:17

Double Sculls

Holders: M D Free and P T Antonie (Aus)

Semi-finals

G Walker and G Lewis (Potomac and National TC, US) bt J Bulow and M Schwalbe (Ger) nrp, 7:27
G Schneider and J Habermayr (Thalwi and Thun, Switz) bt L Collins and E O'Brien (Commercial, Ire) 3½l, 7:28

Final

Walker and Lewis bt Schneider and Habermayr 3l, 7:07

Ladies' Plate

Holders: Notts County A

Semi-finals

Leander bt Notts County and London 1l, 6:29
Goldie bt Boston (US) ½l, 6:30

Final

Goldie bt Leander 3½l, 6.23

Silver Goblets and Nickalls' Cup

Holders: S G Redgrave and M C Pinsent (GB)

Semi-finals

A Nader and H Bauer (Wiking Linz Austria) bt J G Singfield and A R Cassidy (Star Club and London University) 1¾l, 8.14
C L Codoni and B Schmidt (Zurich, Switz) bt D B Layton and K S Weller (Cambridge 99) 3¾l, 7:50

Final

Nader and Bauer bt Schmidt and Codoni 4½l, 7.22

Queen Mother Cup

Holders: Augusta Training Center (US)

Quarter-finals

Imperial Coll, London and Leander bt Castle Semple, 2¾l, 7:01
Mainzer and Neusser (Ger) bt London 3½l, 6.59
Ratzeburg (Ger) bt Univ of London and London 1½l, 6:46
Notts County bt Tideway Scullers' Sch 8 ½l, 6:52 (after re-race)

Semi-finals

Ratzeburg bt Imperial Coll and Leander 1½l, 6 38
Mainzer and Neusser bt Notts County 2½l, 6:45

Final

Mainzer and Neusser bt Ratzeburger ¾l, 6:29

Stewards' Cup

Holders: San Diego Training Center (US)

Semi-finals

Notts County and London bt Notts County and Auckland (NZ) 3¼l, 7 02
Goldie bt Notts County 1l, 7:03

Final

Notts County and London bt Goldie 4l, 6:44

Fawley Cup

Holders: Windsor Boys' School and Poplar

Quarter-finals

Marlow and Notts County bt Sir William Borlase's Sch 2¼l, 7:02
Windsor Boys' and Poplar bt King's Coll and Mercantile (Aus) 2l, 6:58
Staines and Star bt Marlow and Star 1¾l, 7:20
Durham and Queen Elizabeth HS bt Shipley Sch (US) 1¾l, 7:17

Semi-finals

Marlow and Notts County bt Staines and Star ½l, 7:11
Windsor Boys' bt Durham and QEHS 1l, 6:50

Final

Windsor Boys' and Poplar bt Marlow and Notts County 4½l, 6:46

Visitors' Cup

Holders: Isis

Quarter-finals

Argo (Holl) bt Reading Univ 4½l, 7:11
Oxford Brookes Univ B bt Imperial Coll, London 1l, 7:09
Oxford Brookes Univ A bt Exeter Univ ½l, 7:25
Isis bt Downing Coll, Cambridge 3½l, 7:33

Semi-final

Argo bt Oxford Brookes B 4l, 7:15
Isis bt Oxford Brookes A 1l, 7:04

Final

Argo bt Isis ½l, 6:50

Prince Philip Cup

Holders: Leander A

Semi-finals

Potomac and Arco (US) bt Notts County ¾l, 7:13
Berlin (Ger) bt Lega (Holl) 1¾l, 7.15

Final

Berlin bt Potomac and Arco ¾l, 6:56

Grand Cup

Holders: San Diego Training Center (US)

Semi-final

Imperial Coll, London and Queen's Tower bt Hanover (Ger) ¾l, 6:26

Final

Imperial Coll and Queen's Tower bt Skadi and Argo (Holl) 2l, 6.11

SATURDAY'S RACING RESULTS

Sandown Park

Going: good to soft

2.15 (7f 16yd) 1 Gretel (J Reid, 7-2); 2, Medaaly (3-1); 3, Dark Green (5-2 fav). 8 ran. NR: Silver Widget. ¾l, 2l. M Stoute. Tote: £4.50; £2.00, £1.70. DF £5.40. CSF £12.81

2.50 (1m 14yd) 1, Concer Un (M Hills, 6-1 fav), 2, Golden Pond (8-1), 3, Green Green Desert (12-1). Opsions Open 6-1 (fav 13 ran. Hd, sh hd. S Williams. Tote: £6.60; £2.90, £2.30. £3.00. DF, £17.60. Tno: £49.80. CSF £46.98. Tricast £520.77.

3.25 (5f 6yd) 1, Eveningperformance (C Rutter, 7-1); 2, Venture Capitalist (11-1), 3, Croft Pool (8-1). Mubhaj 6-1 fav. 12 ran. NR: Welsh Mist. ¾l, 3l. H Candy. Tote: £7.30, £2.50, £4.10, £2.10. DF: £46.70. Trio: £149.90. CSF: £72.23.

4.10 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, Hafling (J Reid, 100-30); 2, Bijou D'Inde (12-1), 3, Penture (2-1 fav) 7 ran. Nk, 1½l. S bin Suroor. Tote: £3.80, £2.20, £3.00. DF: £28.00. CSF: £34.18. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

4.45 (2m 78yd) 1, Pearl Venture (W Woods, 12-1); 2, Bowcliffe Court (9-1), 3, Danjing (14-1). Sharaf 7-2 fav. 13 ran. NR: Canary Falcon. ¾l, sh hd. S Woods. Tote: £14.00, £3.10, £4.10, £4.90. DF: £66.90. Trio: £297.90. CSF: £106.89. Tricast: £1,402.54.

5.15 (5f 6yd) 1, Lord High Admiral (J Reid, 7-2 fav), 2, Beau Venture (7-1), 3, Jucea (10-1). 9 ran. NR: Femme Savante, For The Present. 2½l, hd. M Heaton-Ellis. Tote: £3.10, £1.40, £2.00, £2.50. DF: £12.40. Trio: £36.90. CSF: £24.01. Tricast: £173.10.

5.45 (1m 3f 91yd) 1, Eden Heights (A Daly, 16-1), 2, Eagle Canyon (5-1), 3, Shu Gaa (9-2). The Sooting Bird 4-1 fav. 10 ran. 2½l, 9l. The Sooting Bird 4-1 fav. 10 ran. 2½l, 9l. 3f. Steve Toe: £21.50; £4.00, £1.70, £2.10. DF: £50.30. Trio: £144.60. CSF: £88.68. Tricast: £388.05.

Jackpot not won (pool of £8,289.98 carried forward to Windsor today).

Placepot: £895.40. Quadpot: £92.70.

Beverley

2.05 1, Rons Revenge (12-1), 2, Clonavon Girl (5-1), 3, Silca's My Key (6-1). Impala 9-4 fav. 11 ran. NR: Apiculate.

2.35 1, Darling Clover (7-4 fav), 2, Set The Fashion (3-1), 3, Sporting Ask (100-30). 8 ran. NR: Comic Hill.

3.05 1, Give Me A Ring (8-1), 2, Eric's Bett (12-1), 3, Smarter Charter (4-1). Mercury (100-30 fav). 10 ran.

3.35 1, Papaha (7-16 fav), 2, With The Tempo (16-1), 3, Toulston Lady (12-1). 6 ran.

4.05 1, French Ivy (13-8 fav), 2, Hullbank (4-1), 3, Atherton Green (13-2). 7 ran. NR: Legal Brief.

4.35 1, Imperial President (4-6 fav), 2, Grete Times (13-2), 3, Tough Leader (2-1). 4 ran.

5.05 1, Bolshoi (100-30 jt-fav), 2, Just Dissident (14-1), 3, Dominelle (100-30 jt-fav). 10 ran. NR: Rothesfield Park.

Chepstow

2.25 1, Alaflak (11-4 fav), 2, Voila Premiere (7-1), 3, Pay Homage (15-2). 9 ran.

2.55 1, Catch The Lights (8-1), 2, Bon Luck (14-1), 3, Atzenkh (12-1). Brighton Road 9-2 fav. 11 ran. NR: Hallos.

3.30 1, Mr Bombastique (7-4 fav), 2, Double-J (5-1), 3, Bold Spring (4-1). 7 ran.

4.00 1, Mr Speaker (14-1), 2, Lilibella (9-2 fav), 3, Real Gem (16-1). 15 ran. NR: May Queen Megan.

4.30 1, Shadow Casting (11-2), 2, Santella Katie (8-1), 3, Jumaiah Sunset (9-4 fav). 12 ran.

5.00 1, Fortunes Course (9-1), 2, Washington Reef (6-1), 3, Lostris (9-2). Sea Freedom 4-1 fav. 12 ran.

Haydock Park

2.00 1, Colombia (5-1), 2, Ghayyur (8-11 fav), 3, Danehill Princess (5-1). 6 ran.

2.35 1, Babsy Babe (6-1), 2, Spicing (6-1), 3, Alpine Hideaway (11-2) Blessingindisguise 7-2 fav. 7 ran. NR: Stoney End.

3.10 1, Spout (13-2), 2, Phantom Gold (11-2), 3, Nanotchka (9-1). Shamozzle 2-1 fav. 10 ran.

3.40 1, Key To My Heart (9-2), 2, Royal Scimitar (5-2), 3, Nabhaan (7-4 fav). 8 ran.

4.15 1, Royal Court (15-8), 2, Shantou (7-4 fav), 3, Wish-A-Minute (10-1). 5 ran.

4.50 1, Noble Sprinter (9-1), 2, Danegold (9-1), 3, Let The Lucky (10-1). Bakheta 7-4 fav. 10 ran.

Carlisle

7.10 1, Can Can Lady (7-2), 2, The Deejay (7-4 fav), 3, Kitty Galore (5-1). 7 ran.

7.40 1, Move With Edes (11-4), 2, Tibbs Blues (8-1), 3, Double Oscar (9-4 fav). 9 ran. NR: Tallulah Bella.

8.10 1, *Gifting Dancer* (11-1), 2, Cee-Jay-Ay (5-1), 3, Zain Dancer (3-1 fav). 11 ran. NR: Warwick Mist.

8.40 1, Desert Frolic (1-2 fav), 2, Here Comes Herbie (5-2), 3, Island Cascade (50-1). 5 ran.

9.10 1, Time To Tango (9-2), 2, Captain Carat (5-1), 3, Ned's Bonanza (5-2 fav). 10 ran. NR: Rich Glow.

9.40 1, Shashi (7-4 fav), 2, Barato (2-1), 3, Regal Fanfare (9-1). 6 ran. NR: Thwaab.

Nottingham

6.50 1, Risky Rose (7-2 fav), 2, Brest (8-1), 3, Tyltran (12-1). 4, Club Elite (25-1). 16 ran.

7.20 1, Union Town (25-1), 2, Smugurs (2-1 fav), 3, Jack Flush (8-1). 10 ran.

7.50 1, Summer Risotto (3-1), 2, Mona Di Castiglia (5-4 fav), 3, Taoma (13-8). 3 ran. NR: Irish Fiction, Juicy Ting.

8.20 1, Racing Hawk (13-2), 2, Rex Mundi (12-1), 3, Soviet King (9-2 jt-fav). Della Casa 9-2 jt-fav. 13 ran.

8.50 1, Hawksley Hill (2-1 fav), 2, How Could I (3-1), 3, Flame Of Hope (5-1). 9 ran.

9.20 1, Frog (9-4 fav), 2, Two Socks (11-2), 3, Fiona Sharm (7-2). 11 ran.

Wolverhampton

7.00 1, Mister Rm (11-8 fav), 2, Komlucky (50-1), 3, David James' Girl (3-1). 12 ran.

7.30 1, Embassi (9-2), 2, Northern Celadon (12-1), 3, Sandmoor Denim (5-1). Dragonjoy 9-4 fav. 12 ran.

8.00 1, Mr Teigh (5-1), 2, Johnnie The Joker (12-1), 3, Taulian Boy (6-1). Equerry 7-4 fav. 11 ran. NR: Lead Him On.

8.30 1, Etterby Park (7-4 fav), 2, Claque (8-1), 3, In The Money (5-1). 10 ran.

9.00 1, Tinkerbell (2-1 jt-fav), 2, Grovelair Dancer (7-2), 3, Abstone Queen (13-2). Riccatto 2-1 jt-fav. 6 ran.

9.30 1, Napier Star (9-2), 2, Delrob (9-4 fav), 3, Lioc (6-1). 9 ran.

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CYCLING: FIVE-TIMES TOUR DE FRANCE WINNER NOW HAS MOUNTAIN TO CLIMB

Induráin joins ranks of mere mortals

ANDREW LONGMORE



On the Tour de France

SIX days before Bastille Day, an unmistakeable air of liberation hangs over the Tour de France. Yesterday, a time-trial up the mountains to Val d'Isère merely confirmed the revolution begun on the climb over the Col de Madeleine and up to Les Arcs the day before. Though the decline of their own champion, Laurent Jalabert, dampened French celebrations, Paris will no longer have to host a sixth procession led by Miguel Induráin.

Induráin will start the ninth stage today to Sestrière, another brute, 4min 53sec behind the overall leader, Evgeni Berzin, in eleventh place, his hopes of a record-breaking sixth Tour win shattered by rivals who finally exposed a weakness in the Tour's greatest champion.

The deficit is not insuperable but, if the stage into Pamplona on July 17 is not to turn from a triumphant cavalcade into a funeral cortège, the Spaniard will need to respond swiftly to the challenge of old soldiers like Tony Rominger and Bjarne Riis and the young guns, Berzin, winner of the time-trial, and Peter Luttenberger. But attack has never been Big Mig's favoured form of defence.

Induráin did not suffer alone. The ambitions of the Once pair of Jalabert and Alex Zülle were blunted, the worst fears of Chris Boardman realised. Boardman recovered from a terrible battering on his Tour debut in the Alps with a highly creditable eighth in the time-trial but he is still half an hour adrift of the yellow jersey, his aims now limited to reaching Paris and winning one of the rolling stages between the Alps and the Pyrenees later this week.

To complete his anguish, Boardman returned to his room after the stage on Saturday to find that a watch worth £1,500, his wallet and wedding ring had been stolen from his suitcase. Ever the analyst, Boardman soothed his disappointment with science. His pulse was 152 flat out, he explained, 30 beats per minute below its normal maximum.

"I can see the potential for going better," he said, "but it's still a huge disappointment. I felt good at the start, then I just blew. We'll just have to see what we can salvage."

Stephane Heulot, his Gan team-mate, was also forced to abandon the race while wearing the yellow jersey because of tendinitis in his knee. "This has changed everything," Roger Legeay, the team manager of Gan, said.

If Induráin's reign is ended, the stage to Les Arcs on Saturday will be enshrined in Tour folklore. "A day of madness, magic and tragedy," read one headline in yesterday's French newspapers. But the battered remains of Johan Bruyneel's bicycle lying at the bottom of a ravine showed how much worse it could have been.

The Belgian's fall in heavy rain on the descent from the Cormet de Rosmelend was cushioned by a tree. "I felt like I was flying," the Belgian said later. "But I know I am lucky to be alive."

Since Greg LeMond cracked in the Pyrenees five years ago, Induráin has exerted an iron grip on the Tour, driving the French to distraction with his stifling invincibility and his unemotional response to each successive triumph. Whatever happened, Big Mig would be there, face stoneclad, legs like pistons, trampling on the soul of their precious *Grand Boucle*. Every year the cry became more desperate. When will Induráin give us our Tour back?

The rise to the plush ski resort of Les Arcs, a sweeping ascent widely thought to be ideal for the big-geared rhythm of Big Mig, provided more than the glimpse of an answer.

As a helicopter shot captured the familiar figure trailing up the final two miles to the mountain-top finish and close-up shots revealed lines on his tanned face drawn with a clarity unseen before, mouth panting for breath in the mountain air, the voice of the commentator rose to a shriek.

"*Indurdin en difficulté, ooh la, la, la, la.*" The surprise could not conceal his delight at the suffering of a champion. Watching the drama unfold from the television monitors, the press gasped as one. Induráin in difficulty? It could not be.

The suggestion from the Banesto camp was that their champion, who earned a 22-second penalty for taking a drink from his team car within the last 20 miles, was dehydrated. However much that lapse smacked of desperation, there were still good judges prepared to believe that Induráin, as he has so often before, was simply letting his rivals burn themselves out. Not once did the Spaniard climb out of the saddle to thrash the pedals.

"I know Miguel," Pedro Delgado, Induráin's mentor, said. "He will be strong again." Maybe. But Induráin's psychological hold on the Tour has been broken for good. No longer are the rest racing for second place.

Sensing that Induráin's Banesto henchmen could be divided and their leader isolated, the other teams launched a series of damaging attacks through the 124-mile stage. Riis, then Udo Bolts, Dufaux, Virenque and, decisively, the stage-winner, Luc Leblanc, each chipped away at Induráin's spirit until nothing was left and, when he flagged, Olano, Rominger and Berzin showed no mercy. By the finish, Induráin had lost 4min 19sec.

In his five victories, Induráin has never had to claw back such a deficit nor overcome such confident opposition. Boardman might reflect he was not the only one who left Les Arcs without his rightful possessions.

ERIC GAILLARD



Berzin extends his lead in the Tour de France during yesterday's time-trial

TOUR DETAILS

SEVENTH STAGE (Chambery to Les Arcs, 122mi): 1, L Leblanc (Fr, Polti) 5hr 47min 22sec, 2, T Rominger (Switz, Mapei-GB) at 47sec, 3, P Luttenberger (Austria, Carrera) at 52sec; 4, R Virenque (Fr, Festina) same time, 5, L Dufaux (Switz, Festina), same time; 6, A Olano (Sp, Mapei-GB) same time; 7, B Riis (Den, Telekom) at 56sec; 8, F Escartin (Sp, Kelme) same time; 9, J Ullrich (Ger, Telekom) same time, 10, P Ugrumov (Lat, Gewiss) same time, 11, Y Berzin (Russ, Gewiss) same time; 12, L Piepoli (It, Refin) at 2min 19sec, 13, B Hamburger (Den, TVM) at 3.14; 14, A Garmendia (Sp, Once) at 3.29, 15, A Zülle (Switz, Once) same time British: 47, C Boardman (Gan) at 28.56; 142, M Scandri (Motorola) at 37.24.

EIGHTH STAGE (Bourg-Saint-Maurice to Val d Isère, 19mi): 1, Berzin 51min 53sec; 2, Riis at 35sec; 3, Olano, 4, Rominger 1:01; 5, M Induráin (Sp, Banesto) all same time, 6, Ullrich 1:07, 7, P Luttenberger 1:36, 8, Boardman 2.30; 9, Zülle 2:36, 10, U Bolts (Ger, Telekom) 2:52; 11, Leblanc 3:09; 12, Virenque 3:25; 13 Garmendia 3:28, 14, Dufaux 3:31; 15, P Jonker (Aus, Once) 3:37, 16, J Bruyneel (Bel, Rabobank) 3:41; 17, Ugrumov 3:45, 18, Escartin 3:48; 19, G Guerini (It, Polti) 4:18, 20, M Fernandez Gines (Sp, Mapei-GB) 4:26 British: 104, Scandri 9:12 Leading overall standings (after eight stages): 1, Berzin 41hr 39min 46sec; 2, Riis at 43sec; 3, Olano 45, 4, Rominger 1:08; 5, Ullrich 1:37, 6, Luttenberger 2:35, 7 Virenque 3:58; 8, Dufaux 4:08; 9, Ugrumov 4:25, 10, Escartin 4:50; 11, Induráin 4:53; 12, Zülle 5:06 13, Garmendia 6:58; 14, Leblanc 7:27, 15, Hamburger 7:39, 16, Bolts 8:45; 17, V Ekimov (Russ, Rabobank) 9:41; 18, Piepoli 9:53; 19, Fernandez Gines 10:17; 20, Bruyneel 10:29 British: 39, Boardman 30:44, 72, Scandri 46:55.

TODAY: Ninth stage: Val d'Isere to Sestriere, Italy (118km).

Essex schools take honours in athletics cup

SPORT IN SCHOOLS

BY LOUISE TAYLOR

If success in track and field is your aim, it probably pays to be educated in Essex. That much-maligned county may be better known for bad perms, boob tubes and boy-racer motorists but, on Saturday, Essex boys and girls dominated the TSB English Schools track and field cup final in Gateshead.

So it was that the spiritual home of British athletics — well, at least the backyard of Brendan Foster, Steve Cram, Jonathan Edwards *et al* — was forced to applaud a near-Essex monopoly. It almost seemed on a par with West Ham United crossing the River Tyne and beating Newcastle United 3-1 at St James' Park.

Talking of football, there were plenty of Newcastle and Sunderland replica shirts on view as spectators cheered on the 48 teams vying for top honours. Those 48 had been invited only after a pruning process had whittled down an original entry of 2,125 teams from 750 schools.

Fitzwimarc School, Essex, took four teams up the M11 and A1 and were rewarded with victory in the intermediate (under-16) girls category, where they saw off strong challenges from St Hilda's, Liverpool, St Albans Girls School and Cooper's Company and Coborn School, Upminster.

Essex pride in the junior (under-14) girls' sphere was sustained by Southend GS, who beat locals from Newcastle Central High in to second place.

Central High's brother school, Newcastle Royal Grammar, had, along with Ponteland High, nurtured high hopes in the male events, but, instead, the junior boys' title went to Thomas More, from Wood Green, London, with Greensward School, Hockley, and William Edwards School, Grays, finishing second and third respectively.

Kentish honour was upheld by the intermediate boys, where Ravenswood School, Bromley, emerged triumphant, finishing in front of King Edward VI, from Aston, Birmingham.

On a day characterised by fitful, indifferent weather, the frustrating combination of sunny intervals and cloud-covered interludes were countered by some consistently pleasing athletic performances as each team member competed in two events from either track and field, field and relay, or track and relay. Their individual scores contributed to each side's overall result and standing.

All had slogged their way through several of those gruelling preliminary rounds and fully deserved a slice of the glamour inevitably associated with an appearance at Jonathan Edwards's home training ground and a leading British athletics venue.

Some competitors will, no doubt, be dreaming of emulating Edwards and aspiring to international status. Almost all are preparing to tune their televisions into BBC's Olympic coverage, ready to watch personal idols pursue glory in Atlanta. Perhaps by 2000, one or two might even be competing for Britain in Sydney.

Rather more immediately, several had a night on the Toon to look forward to. Indeed, that Essex contingent probably felt at home out celebrating on Saturday night. Wandering around Newcastle's trendy Bigg Market area after 7pm, the lasses are out in force, no doubt on the look out for boyfriends with go-faster stripes down the side of their cars.

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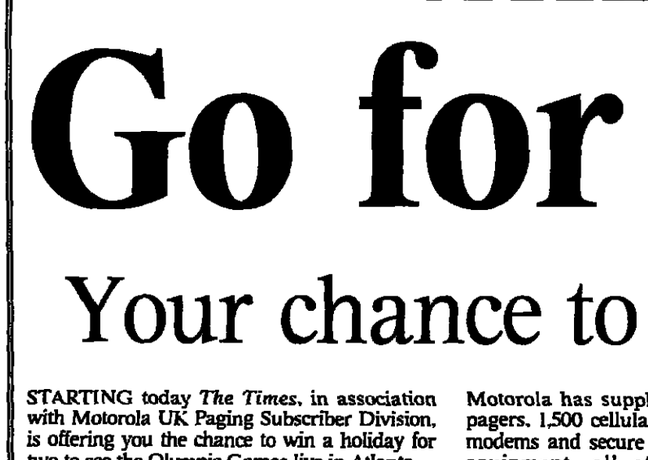
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AUSTRALIAN RULES

AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE (ARL) North Melbourne 21 18 (144) Carlton 13 11 (89), Essendon 17 18 (118) Fitzroy 7 10 (52); Hawthorn 17 12 (114) Collingwood 11 15 (81), West Coast 10 8 (68) Richmond 7 9 (51)' Adelaide 15 12 (102) Brisbane 14 10 (94), St Kilda 15 10 (100) Fremantle 11 11 (77); Melbourne 14 10 (94) Footscray 10 7 (67), Sydney 18 17 (125) Geelong 17 8 (74)

	W	L	D	Pct	Pts
North Melbourne	11	3	0	128 6	44
Sydney	10	3	1	122 2	42
West Coast	10	4	0	131 9	40
Carlton	10	4	0	110 5	40
Geelong	9	4	1	121 2	38
Essendon	9	4	1	111 1	38
Brisbane	8	5	1	123 9	34
Richmond	7	7	0	112 3	28
Adelaide	7	7	0	107 1	28
Hawthorn	6	7	1	84 5	26
St Kilda	6	8	0	101 8	24
Melbourne	5	9	0	73 2	20
Collingwood	4	10	0	92 8	16
Fremantle	4	10	0	87 6	16
Footscray	2	11	1	70 6	10
Fitzroy	1	13	0	52 0	4

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Friday: Chicago 7 Cleveland 0; Detroit 4 Toronto 3, Boston 7 Baltimore 3, New York 12 Milwaukee 3, Minnesota 9 Kansas City 8, Seattle 6 Texas 3, Oakland 16 California 8 Saturday: Baltimore 4 Boston 3, Cleveland 3 Chicago 3, Detroit 0 Toronto 15; New York 2 Milwaukee 0, Oakland 6 California 5 (in 10); Minnesota 5 Kansas City 8; Texas 5 Seattle 9

Eastern division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	52	32	619	—
Baltimore	46	38	548	6
Toronto	38	48	442	15
Boston	35	49	417	17
Detroit	26	61	299	27½
Central division				
Cleveland	51	35	593	—
Chicago	50	36	581	1
Milwaukee	42	43	494	8½
Minnesota	41	44	482	9½
Kansas City	37	50	425	14½
Western division				
Texas	50	36	581	—
Seattle	46	38	548	3
Oakland	43	44	494	7½
California	42	45	483	8½

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Friday: Cincinnati 3 Chicago 0, Philadelphia 7 Florida 4, New York 9 Montreal 6; St Louis 7 Pittsburgh 5; Houston 7 Atlanta 1; Los Angeles 8 Colorado 1; San Diego 7 San Francisco 6 (11 innings) Saturday: Montreal 3 New York 11; Los Angeles 3 Colorado 2, Philadelphia 9 Florida 1; St Louis 9 Pittsburgh 5; Atlanta 4 Houston 2; Chicago 8 Cincinnati 2, San Diego 7 San Francisco 3

Eastern division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	53	33	616	—
Montreal	48	38	558	5
New York	41	45	477	12
Florida	39	47	453	14
Philadelphia	37	48	.435	15½
Central division				
St Louis	46	40	535	—
Houston	47	41	534	—
Cincinnati	39	42	481	4½
Chicago	40	46	.465	6
Pittsburgh	38	48	442	8
Western division				
Los Angeles	47	41	534	—
San Diego	47	41	534	—
Colorado	41	44	482	4½
San Francisco	38	47	447	7½

BOWLS

MIDDLETON CUP: Group one: Lincolnshire 116 Durham 113 Nottinghamshire 97 Northumberland 130, Derbyshire 94 Cumbria 129; Yorkshire 120 Lancashire 118 Group two: Huntingdonshire 113 Warwickshire 118 Norfolk 111 Bedfordshire 119; Northamptonshire 128 Essex 106 Group three: Kent 144 Buckinghamshire 95; Oxfordshire 109 Berkshire 112 Alsop Cup: Durham 112, Cumbria 116

WORTHING: Open tournament: Singles: Semi-finals: C Jones (Hollingbury Park) bt R Lamdin (Guildford) 21-19, S Letts (West End, Northampton) bt M Brown (Milton Park) 21-5 Final: Jones bt Letts 21-13. Triples: Semi-finals: L Thompson, H Peacock and M Ovenington (Cranleigh Royal British Legion) bt D Pile, F Kat and R Harmes (Horsley) 30-7; S Hayward (Worthing), J Chubb (South London) and E Hayward (Worthing) bt D McEwan (Banster Park), D Graydon (Fleming Park) and C Fleisher (Woolston) 20-18 Final: Cranley Royal British Legion bt Worthing 19-9

SCOTTISH WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS: Singles: Semi-finals: N Mulholland (Glengarnock) bt M Latham (Bumbank Hamilton) 25-24, M Gavin (Mosspark) bt E Cameron (Colderbank) 25-17 Final: Mulholland bt Gavin 25-18. Junior singles semi-finals: K Reilly (Colgrain) bt L Harvey (Rothesay) 25-21, P Brown (Irvine Park) bt F Dick (Duffus Park) 25-17. Two bowl pairs: Semi-finals: Hawick bt Colinton 16-13 Crimond bt Chirnton Royal 18-10 Final: Hawick (E Scott and A Clamson) bt Crimond 24-13 Triples: Semi-finals: Dalkeith bt Barron and Kirronshaw 16-14; Bellshill bt Keith 20-12. Final: Dalkeith (B Hadden, J Miller, M MacRae) bt Bellshill 22-10. Fours: Semi-finals: Rodnor Park 22 Lanark Thistle 16; Nolston 21 Rutherglen 14. Final: Rodnor Park (M MacEwan, M Wright, M Stratten, B Donaghy) 18, Nolston 17

CRICKET

BAIN TROPHY: Urmston: Lancashire 196-9, Derbyshire 183 (C Brown 4-21). Lancashire won by 13 runs Monmouth: Glamorgan 168-8 (J R A Williams 88), Hampshire 129-9 (G R Treagus 51). Hampshire won on faster scoring rate.

CYCLING

TIME-TRIALS: RTTC women's national 50-mile championship (Lincoln): 1, J Reames (Swaledale CC) 2hr 0min 6sec; 2, J Denham (Twickenham CC) 2.01:38; 3, L Lamon (VC Meudon) 2:02:42 Team: Swaledale CC 6 14.09, Sussex CA (Yapton, West Sussex, 100 miles): 1, R Keevil (GS Stella) 4.06:42; 2, A Seltzer (Eastbourne Rovers) 4.10:42; 3, D Shepherd (Bognor Regis CC) 4.12:03 Team: GS Stella 12:36.46 Shropshire CCA (Prees, 100 miles): 1, R Laws (Birkenhead Victoria CC) 4.10.19, 2, J Howard (Merseyside Wheelers) 4.10:29; 3, S Williams (Wrexham RC) 4.16.20. Team: Mid Shropshire Wheelers 13:22:23. Northampton and District CA (Thrapston, 50 miles): 1, J Purdy (Lancashire RC) 1.51:07; 2, A Davis (Coventry Olympic) 1:57:26; 3, J Doran (Coalville Wheelers) 1:58:13 Team: A5 Rangers 6.29:06 Manchester Wheelers (50 miles): 1, G Longland (Radford Accountants) 1.51:56, 2, N Giles (Antelope RT) 1.56:17, 3, M Elworthy (Manchester Tri Club) 1.58:05 Team: Manchester Wheelers 6.26:11. Bramley Wheelers (York, 50 miles): 1, A Cosgrove (Teesdale CRC) 1.55:16; 2, J Bowler (South Pennine RC) 1.55:18; 3, S Burrows (Goole Vermuyden CC) 1.56:45 Team: Clifton CC 5.57:45. West Wales CL (Llandovery, 50 miles): 1, C Bates (Bynea CC) 1.57.29; 2, D Abbott (Port Talbot Wheelers) 2.04:13; 3, N Williams (Merthyr CC) 2.04.23. Team: Port Talbot Wheelers (four riders) 8.23:34. VC Slough (25 miles): 1, B Harwood (Loc RC) 50 42; 2, M Pyne (Leo RC) 52.17; 3, R Jackson (Reading CC) 52.38. Team: Loc RC 2.38.10. Knaresborough CRT (Dishforth, North Yorkshire, 25 miles): 1, H Walker (GS Metro) 50.44 (course record); 2, S Tyson (Maldridge CRT) 53.43; 3, S Wigglesworth (Featherstone RC) 54.24 Team: GS Metro 2.46.17 Stockton Wheelers (Thirsk, North Yorkshire, 25 miles): 1, B Walker (GS Metro) 52.31, 2, W Rencla (Optimum Performance RT) 53.21, 3, N Payton (Derwent Valley CC) 55.21. Team: Cleveland Wheelers (fastest third rider) 1.01.22 Witham Wheelers (Grantham, 25 miles): 1, A Horner (VC Camelot) 52.58; 2, M Bottrill (Coalville Wheelers) 53.08; 3, S Wells (Lindsey RCC) 55.26 Team: Coalville Wheelers 2.46.21. New Forest CC (Avon Forest, 25 miles): 1, C Brooks (VC Camelot) 53.27; 2, A Green (New Forest CC) 55.38; 3, P Wilson (Bournemouth Arrow CC) 58.34. Team: VC Camelot 2.54.41. Matlock CC (25 miles): 1, P Jezzewski (J E Jumbo RT) 56.09 (course record); 2, J Rickards (JE James RT) 58.37; 3, A Le Heup (Matlock CC) 59.01 Team: Matlock CC 3.00.53. Addlecombe CC (Dorking, 10 miles): 1, S Howes (Team Energy) 20.59, 2, P Watkins (Wembley RC) 21.54, eq 3, H Stemp (Clarence Wheelers) and K Read (De Laune CC) 22.31. Team: De Laune CC 1.08.04 Cheltenham and County CC (10 miles): 1, P Meijer (Cheltenham and County CC) 21.20; 2, L Davis (Taurus RT) 21.44; 3, R Rowlands (Abertillery and District Wheelers) 21.51. Team: Cheltenham and County CC 1.07.01 Camel Valley CC (Trosiliken, Cornwall, 10 miles) 1, N Polkinghorne (St Budeaux CC) 22.17; 2, M Goulbourne (RAF CC) 22.49; 3, G Lawton (RAF CC) 22.55 Team: Penzance Wheelers 1.11.21

TRACK: BCF National championships: Leicester: Open omnium: 1, J Taylor (Harlow CC) 10 pts; 2, J Hargreaves (Stretford Wh) 11; 3, C Bell (Harlow CC) 11. Junior 30km points race: 1, R Downing (JE James Racing team) 39 pts; 2, P Sheppard (Cwmcarn Paragon) 31; 3, B Wiggins (Archer RC) 25.

ROAD RACES: Ribble Valley CRC (Dalkeinlough, Lancashire, 88.5 miles): 1, W Wright (VC La Motte) 3.02.37; 2, I Mountain (Irish Heritage CC) at 2.30; 3, S Farrell (Tunstall Wheelers) same time Aberdeenshire Classic (BCF Premier Calendar, 182 miles): 1, J Tanner (GB Airways-Peugeot) 7.01.59, 2, P Curran (Optimum Performance RT) at 6secs; 3, C Lillywhite (Kammor) at 9secs. Harlow CC (112½mi): 1, G Baker (Olympia Sport) 2.53.25; 2, R Hare (Leo RC) at 31sec; 3, D Staff (North Road RT) at 34sec

EQUESTRIANISM

SWEDEN: Falsterbo Grand Prix: 1, Grannusch (J Whitaker GB) clear 51.74sec; 2, Elmshorn (H Hugosson Swe) 4 faults 49.4; 3, Logretto (C-O Negel Ger) 4 faults 50.0.

EAST SUSSEX: Brightling Park Horse Trials: BE18 Final: 1, Hillside Ghost (Sophie Allison), 30, 2, Double Trust (Sarah Bullen), 30; 3, Campbells Promise (Julian Trevor Roper), 30 Accumulator: Winner of 10 Classes: Double Trust (Sarah Bullen).

GLIDING

ST AUBAN, France: Lavender glide pre-worlds: Open: Day 11 (281km) poly, 20 completions of 25): 1, G Uhorn (Fr ASW22), 101.4kph, 907pts, 2, P Kuntz (Fr, ASH25), 101 1, 902, 3, G Gerbaud (Fr, Nimbus4), 99.2, 872; 4, J-W Andersen (Den, Nimbus4), 98.8, 866; 17, P Harvey (GB, ASW22), 84 1, 638 Overall open final (11 days) 1, Uhern, 9,279pts; 2, Gerbaud, 8,998; 3, Kuntz, 8,982; 4, B Gansbandt (Ger, Nimbus4), 8,965; 23, Harvey, 5,890. 15m: day 11 cancelled by airborne recall Day 10 (Nine completions of 36): 1, T Holighaus (Indep, Ventus2), 85 4kph, 1,000pts; 2, G Galetto (It, Ventus2), 78 5, 858; 3, K Raboder (Austria, Ventus2), 72.8, 822; 4, T Amadeu (Fr, LS8), 71, 811; 5, A Kay (GB, Ventus2), 69.2, 900. Other British: 10, J Wills (ASW27), 362 5km, 824, 21, C Garton (Ventus2), 278.5km*, 533; 25, S Jones (Ventus2), 227 1km, 516 Overall 15m final (10 days): 1, G Navas (Fr, Ventus2), 8,639pts, 2, S Ghorzia (It, Ventus2), 7,997, 3, Galetto (It), 7,973, 4, Wills (GB), 7,855 Other British: 10, Jones, 7,343, 12, Garton, 7,135, 16, Kay, 6,587. (* denotes penalty (uming points). Standard: Day 11 (214km Pent, 28 completions of 37): 1, D Hauss (Fr, Discus), 114 8kph, 546pts; 2, L Avanzini (It LS8) and W Bonsil (US, Discus), 113 8, 537. British: 19, B Spreckley (LS8), 80 8, 297; 20, A Davis (Discus), 80.6, 295, 29, M Wells (LS8), 92 9km, 115pts Overall standard final (11 days): 1, J-D Barrez (Fr, LS8), 8,410pts, 2, Lopitaux (Fr), 8,128, 3, Hauss (Fr), 7,806, E Napoleon (Fr, Duo Discus), 7,548pts. British: 4, Davis, 7,421pts; 5, Spreckley, 7,372, 7, Wells, 7,024

GOLF

LEMONT, Illinois: Western Open: Leading third-round scores: (US unless stated): 201: S Stricker 65, 69, 67, 206: L Janzen 67, 68, 71, 207: J Huston 70, 68, 69; J D Blake 67, 67, 73, 208: S Jurgenson 71, 71, 66, P Stewart 70, 70, 68; J Cook 72, 68, 68, C Parry (Aus) 69, 69, 70; M Brooks 68, 70, 70; J Leonard 69, 67, 72, 209: S Elkington (Aus) 70, 72, 67, M Brisky 74, 67, 68; R Andrade 69, 71, 69; P Goydos 71, 69, 69; W Grady (Aus) 71, 68, 70; N Henke 67, 71, 71, J Sturmer 67, 70, 72, 210: G Day 70, 71, 69, V Singh (Fiji) 71, 70, 69; T Trytes 71, 70, 69, M Reid 70, 71, 69; J Kelly 69, 72, 69; S Appleby (Aus) 73, 67, 70, P Mickelson 69, 71, 70; P Jacobsen 68, 72, 70; B Watkins 70, 68, 72; J Maggert 70, 67, 73. Selected: 211: J Ozaki (Japan) 67, 70, 74 212: J Renwick (Swe) 71, 72, 69 213: G Waite (NZ) 69, 74, 70, N Price (Zim) 70, 70, 73 215: D Frost (SA) 72, 71, 72. Second round non-qualifiers: 144: N Faldo (GB) 71, 73 146 G Norman (Aus) 71, 75

COLOGNE: Hennessy Cup: Leading final scores (GB and Ire unless stated): 280: H Alfredsson (Swe) 68, 70, 71, 71; T Johnson 71, 71, 70, 68, L Neumann (Swe) 68, 70, 75, 67 Alfredsson won at second extra hole. 283: A Sorensen (Swe) 71, 70, 74, 68 285: J Morley 70, 77, 71, 67, C Hj Koch (Swe) 71, 73, 73, 68; K Drum (Den) 68, 73, 71, 73 286: L Davies 76, 69, 74, 67 288: D Reid 74, 75, 73, 66 289: S Dallongeville (Fr) 72, 77, 72, 68 290: S Croce (It) 77, 71, 70, 72; M-L de Lorenzi (Fr) 75, 73, 70, 72 291: L Fairclough 75, 72, 74, 70; T Fischer (Ger) 73, 72, 74, 72; A Gottino (Swe) 74, 71, 73, 73 292: L Hackney 70, 70, 75, 77 293: X Wunsch (Sp) 78, 69, 79, 67; M Lunn (Aus) 73, 78, 74, 70; S Gronberg (Swe) 71, 74, 77, 71, C Soremsen (Swe) 75, 75, 72, 71.

MOTOR RALLYING

CORDOBA: Argentine rally: Leading final positions: 1, T Makinen (Fin) Mitsubishi Lancer 5hr 48mm 42sec; 2, C Sainz (Sp) Ford Escort Cosworth 1mn 35sec behind, 3, K Eriksson (Swe) Subaru Impreza 4 39; 4, R Burns (GB) Mitsubishi Lancer 8 01; 5, B Thiry (Bel) Ford Escort Cosworth 8:25

NÜRBURGRING: German Grand Prix world championship: 500cc Class (123 012km) 1, L Cadalora (It) Honda, 45 35.889; 2, M Doohan (Aus) Honda, 45 36.099; 3, A Criville (Sp) Honda, 45.36.546; 4, S Russell (US) Suzuki, 45.40 805; 5, K Roberts Jr (US) Yamaha, 45.43 592; 6, N Abe (Japan) Yamaha, 45.49.337; 7, T Okada (Japan) Honda, 45.49.949; 8, A Barros (Br) Honda, 45.53.569; 9, S Itoh (Japan) Honda, 45.10 695; 10, J-M Bayle (Fr) Yamaha, 45 19.300 World championship standings: 1, Doohan 165pts; 2, Criville, 109; 3, Cadalora 105; 4, Barros 91; 5, Abe 78; 6, Russell 75; 7, Puig 62; 8, Bayle 60; 9 Okada 50 10, Checa 44

250cc Class (113.9km) 1, R Waldmann (Ger) Honda, 43.16.909; 2, O Jacque (Fr) Honda, 43 18.930; 3, J Fuchs (Ger) Honda, 43.20.342; 4, M Biaggi (It) Aprilia, 43.20 768, 5, L D'Antin (Sp) Honda, 43.44 286, 6, L Boscoscuro (It) Aprilia, 43.44 724; 7, JP Ruggia (Fr) Honda, 43 45.020; 8, R Lacomi (Fr) Honda, 43.50 834; 9 C Migliorati (It) Honda, 43 51.229; 1, T Ukawa (Japan) Honda, 43.52.329 World championship standings: 1, Biaggi 174pts, 2, Waldmann 126, 3, T Harada 97, 4, Fuchs 83; 5, D'Antin 80; 6, Jacque 76, 7, N Aoki 64, 8, Ukawa 50; 9, Ruggia 49 10, Boscoscuro 43

125cc Class (104 788km)* 1, M Tokudome (Japan) Aprilia, 42 14.731, 2, S Perugini (It) Aprilia, 42 15 038, 3, H Aoki (Japan) Honda, 42 15.654; 4, E Alzamora (Sp) Honda, 42 16,412, 5, V Rossi, (It) Aprilia, 42.16,640; 6, P Oettl (Ger) Aprilia, 42.16,788; 7, J Martinez (Sp) Aprilia, 42.16,992; 8, T Manako (Japan) Honda, 42.19,230; 9, M Geissler (Ger) Aprilia, 42.28.460, 10, I Gol (It) Honda, 42.29,040. World championship standings: 1, Aoki 146pts; 2, Tokudome 100; 3 equal, Perugini and Alzamora 84, 5, Manako 85; 6, Ueda 83; 7, Oettl 72; 8, Rossi and Kazuto both 57; 10, Go 47.

RIFLE SHOOTING

BISLEY: Services Rifle Meet: Royal Navy and Royal Marines: Queen's Medal: 1, Marine J Waller (RM) 2,035pts; 2, WO T Sands (RM) 1,997; 3, Cpl J Russell 1,942, 4, CPO N Bell (RN) 1,940 Royal Navy Championship: 1, CPO J Crawford (Ay) 1,678, 2, WEM A McCrum (Plymouth) 1,676; 3, AEM C Wakeham (Ar) 1,660 Royal Air Force: Queen's Medal: 1, Fit Lt Smith (Aldergrove) 1,359, 2, Sgt J Proctor (Brunneni 1,325, 3, Sgt D Vick (Honington) 1,320 Open Championship: 1, S Penrose 431 59, 2, D Calvert 415 53, 3, C Behn 415 52 Long Range Aggregate: 1, Penrose 223 30; 2, M Wood 220.29; 3, Behn 220 27 Grant Dalton Trophy: Small Arms Efficiency: 1, Proctor 1,514 14 Territorial Army Queen's Medal: 1, Capt J Tyson (3 Cheshire) 956, 2, Cpl M Keeling (3 Cheshire) 927, 3, Capt J Alexander (4/5 Green Howards) 920. British Commonwealth RC Meeting: Barker Shoes Aggregate (300, 600 and 900yds): 1, P Kent 175.23; 2, S Penrose 174.27; 3, A Jones 174 23 Freddy Payne Memorial Trophy (Short Range Aggl): 1, Penrose 198.28; 2, D Calvert 196.29 3, B Hamgan 198 23

SAILING

WEYMOUTH: 18-foot Skiffs Prudential Grand Prix: 1, R Brown (Prudential); 2, L Smith (The Times), 3, D Wit Llecbb's Creek), 4, E Lzzich (Xerox), 5, M Walsh (Ella Bache). Overall positions after two regattas: 1, Brown; 2, Wit and Walsh; 4, Lazich, 5, Smith

SCHOOLS SPORT

ATHLETICS: Gateshead: TSB English Schools Cup Final: Intermediate boys: 1, Ravenswood, Bromley 508pts, 2, King Edward VI, Aston 504; 3 King John, Thundersley 484; 4, Our Lady's High, Blackley, Greater Manchester 475 Intermediate girls: 1, Fitzwmarc, Rayleigh 423pts, 2, St Hilda's, Liverpool 411, 3, Cooper's Company and Coburn, Upminster and St Albans High 409, 5, Millfield 391 Junior boys: 1, St Thomas More, Wood Green 485pts; 2, Greensward, Hockley 472, 3, William Edwards, Grays 461, 4, Enfield Grammar 446 Junior girls: 1, Southend High 395pts; 2, Central Newcastle High 382; 3, Dr Challoner's High, Amersham 371, 4, Fitzwmarc, Rayleigh 370.

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OSLO: Bislett Games. Men: 100m: 1, D Mitchell (US) 10 10sec, 2, T Harden (US) 10 11, 3 J Laynes (US) 10.20; 4, D Braithwaite (GB) 10.27 200m: 1, F Fredricks (Nam) 19 85sec; 2, M Johnson 19 85, 3, J Williams (US) 20 44 800m: 1, W Kipkaster (Den) 1mn 42.76sec; 2, V Rodal (Nor) 1 42 95 3, D Kiptoo (Ken) 1 44 12 Mile: 1, N Morceli (Alg) 3mn 48 15sec, 2, F Cacho (Sp) 3 49 56, 3, J Mayock (GB) 3:50 32. 3,000m: 1, P Block (Ken) 7min 29 56sec, 2, S Hassou (Mor) 7 30 46 3, S Kororia (Ken) 7 37 46 400m hurdles: 1, D Adkins (US) 48 18sec, 2, M Mitchell (US) 48 52; 3, S Mylander (Swe) 48 86 High jump: 1 P Sjoeberg (Swe) 2 31m, 2 equal, T Forsyth (Aus) and W Hoessig (Ger) 2 28 Triple jump: 1, J Edwards (GB) 17 68m, 2, F Agyepong (GB) 17 18; 3, M Gennadiy (Russ) 16 85 Discus: 1, L Riedle (Ger) 69 12m, 2, A Washington (US) 68.20 3, V Alekna (Lith) 68 32. Javelin: 1, G Lovegrove (NZ) 88 20m, 2, B Henry (Ger) 87 86, 3 P-A Fagernes (Nor) 85 06 Women: 100m: 1, M Otey (Jam) 10 95sec, 2 I Miller (US) 10 98; 3, G Torrance (US) 11 06 400m: 1, C Freeman (Aus) 49 81sec, 2 J Campbell (Jam) 50 11, 3, K Graham (US) 50 81 1,500 metres: 1, S O'Sullivan (Ire) 3mn 59 91sec, 2, K Holmes (GB) 4 01 13; 3, M Crowley (Aus) 4 01 34 5,000m: 1, F Ribeiro (Por) 14mn 41 07sec, 2, G Szabo (Rom) 14 41 12, 3, J Vaquero (Sp) 14 44 95 100m hurdles: 1, L Engquist (Swe) 12 48sec, 2 B Bukovec (Slovi 12 67, 3, A Lopez (Cuba) 12 75 High jump: 1, S Ivassichnove (Rus) 1 98m, 2, A Astafei (Ger) 1 98, 3, H Haugland (Nor) 1 90 Discus: 1, I Wyludda (Ger) 66 66m; 2, M Bergmann (Nor) 65 78, 3, F Dietzsch (Ger) 63 54 Javelin: 1, T Hattestad (Nor) 67 06m, 2, T Damaske (Ger) 66 52; 3, N Shkvidenko (Belo) 64 30

SALAMANCA, Spain. International meeting. Men: 100m: 1, L Burrell (US) 10 10sec; 2, D Ebgwa (Nigeria) 10 16; 3, A Deji (Nigeria) 10.20 400m: 1, A Hamson (US) 45 16sec; 2, C Hamson (US) 45 81; 3, S Kitur (Ken) 45 86 1,500m: 1, I Viosca (Sp) 3mn 42 42sec 2, M Pancorbo (Sp) 3 44.95, 3, J Pueta (Sp) 3 46 08 110m hurdles: 1, F Schwarthoff (Ger) 13 23sec; 2, A Johnson (US) 13 24 3, J Pierce (US) 13 44 400m hurdles: 1, S Malete (Zam) 49 01sec 2, Y Saito (Japan) 49 33, 3 A Saber (It) 49 66 High jump: 1 J Sotomayor (Cuba) 2 30m; 2, A Diaz (Sp) 2.24 3, I Perez (Sp) 2.21 Long jump: 1, J Beckford (Jam) 8 48m, 2, E Weddle (US) 8 34; 3 J Jemerson (Cuba) 8 26 Triple jump: 1, R Chapado (Sp) 16.29m 2, M Quintero (Sp) 16 07, 3, A Bartolome (Sp) 16.01 Women: 100m: 1, C Blay (Sp) 11 57sec, 2, C Castro (Sp) 11 65, 3 P Morales (Sp) 11 82 400m: 1, S Richards (Jam) 50 87sec 2 A Fidalia Quirot (Cuba) 50 92 3, O Alolabi (Nigeria) 51 07 800m: 1 N Fernandez (Sp) 2mn 4 12sec, 2 P Barrero (Sp) 2 06 36 3 E Garcia (Sp) 2 07 24 400m hurdles: 1, M Alonso (Sp) 56 53sec, 2 E Panagua (Sp) 57 10 3 P Pena (Sp) 1 00 18 Triple jump: 1, Y Aldama (Cuba) 13 55m, 2 S Ochoa (Sp) 13 07, 3, D Ubeda (Sp) 12 11

BIRMINGHAM Guardian Insurance British League: First division. 100m A: 1, D Campbell (Sale) 10 41sec 2, O Onuarah (Shaftesbur, Barnet) 10 51, 3, D Chambers (Hanngey) 10 59 B: A Condon (Sale) 10.59 200m A, D Tume (Cardiff) 20 63sec; 2, Condon 20 64 3 A Wolcott (Belgrave) 21 18 B, Chambers 21 39 400m A: 1, D Mckenzie (Shaftesbur, Barnet) 46 65sec, 2 D Nolan (Belgrave) 46 87; 3, E Williams (Thames Valley) 46 36 B: P Hibbert (Birchfield) 47 98 800m A: 1 T Lerwill (Belgrave) 1mn 49 18sec 2 K Mckay (Sale) 1 49 56, 3, P Walker (Liverpool) 1 50 16 B: R Wallers (Surrey) 1 53 11 1,500m A: 1, Mckay 3mn 47 12sec 2 N Comerford (Cardiff) 3 47 62, 3 A Duke (Thames Valley) 3 48 33 B: M Hibbard (Thames Valley) 3 52 51 5,000m A: 1, R Pena (Birchfield) 13mn 49 66sec 2, P Roden (Sale) 14 11 62 3, M Aiken (Thames Valley) 14 41 29 B: P Green (Sale) 14 20 03 3,000m steeplechase A: 1 C Stephenson (Cardiff) 8min 57 38sec 2, D Mead (Belgrave) 9 07 89, 3 M Hersch (Birchfield) 9 12 52 B: I Robertson (Birchfield) 9.20 31 110m hurdles A: 1, N Owen (Belgrave) 14 07sec, 2 K Campbell (Thames Valley) 14 19 3 M Stem (Shaftesbury Barnet) 14 31 B: G Dunson (Shaftesbury Barnet) 14 49 400m hurdles A: 1, Hibbert 51 88sec; 2, E Zeris (Thames Valley) 52 38 3, D Savage (Sale) 52.46 B: P Thompson (Birchfield) 51 71 High jump A: 1 T Peacock (Liverpool) 2 16m 2 Holliday (Shaftesbury Barnet) 2.00 3, M Huggins (Thames Valley) 2 00 B: I Masse, (Liverpool) 2 00 Pole vault A: 1, K Hughes (Thurrock) 5 30m, 2, N Winter (Shaftesbur, Barnet) 5.20, 3, M Barber (Birchfield and M Grant (Thames Valley) 5m B: M Hodgkinson (Birchfield) 5 00 Long jump A: 1 S Phillips (Birchfield) 7 64m, 2, C Smith (Shaftesbur, Barnet) 7 03 3, J Munroe (Thames Valley) 6 87 B: B Williams (Birchfield) 7.26 Triple jump A: 1, K Ibie (Shaftesbur, Barnet) 15 60m; 2, J Galley (Thames Valley) 15 43, 3, J Hilton (Sale) 14 85 B: D Sanderson (Sale) 14 64 Shot A: 1 S Hayakawa (Sale) 17 70m 2, D Calleway (Hanngey) 16 33 3 L Newman (Belgrave) 15 88 B: R Russell (Sale) 15.81 Discus A: 1, R Wer (Birchfield) 60 14m, 2, K Brown (Belgrave) 55 94, 3, N Thompson (Shaftesbury Barnet) 52.12. B: L Newman (Belgrave) 51 24 Hammer A: 1, D Smith (Belgrave) 71 30m, 2, P Vivian (Thames Valley) 65.22, 3, S Peacock (Birchfield) 63 82. B: P Spivey (Belgrave) 62 66 Javelin A: 1, N Bevan (Belgrave) 70 52m, 2, A Smith (Shaftesbury Barnet) 69 90; 3, A Girdley (Sale) 61 38 B: M Pinner (Sale) 55 54 4 x 100m relay: 1, Sale 40 95sec, 2, Thames Valley 40 98, 3, Belgrave 41 39 4 x 400m relay: 1, Belgrave 3min 11 89sec; 2, Birchfield 3 12.23; 3, Sale 3 12 57, Match result: 1, Sale 346pts; 2, Thames Valley Harriers 340, 3, Belgrave 327, 4, Birchfield 317, 5, Shaftesbury Barnet 287, 6, Cardiff 203; 7, Liverpool 180; 8, Haringey 157. Positions after three matches: 1, Sale 20, 2, Belgrave 19 (976); 3, Thames Valley 19 (937); 4, Birchfield 19 (927.5), 5, Shaftesbury Barnet 12; 6 Cardiff 9; 7, Haringey 5; 8, Liverpool 5

BELFAST: Northern Ireland Championships: Winners: Men: 100m: I Craig (Annadale) 10 57sec. 200m: J Brizzell (Ballymena and Antrim) 21 20sec. 400m: P McBurney (Lisburn) 48 14sec 800m: R Girvan (Annadale) 1min 53 8sec 1,500m: L Morrissey (Ferrybank) 3mn 52.01sec 5,000m: D Donnelly (Annadale) 14mn 04 0sec 3,000m steeplechase: M McDowell (Dromore) 9mn 15 82sec 110m hurdles: P Coghlan (Crusaders) 14 06sec 400m hurdles: D Thom (Ballymena and Antrim) 52.37sec High jump: R Swan (Newtonbge) 1 91m Long jump: G Devlin (Ballymena and Antrim) 6 73m Triple jump: N Stevenson (DNP) 13.25m Shot: J Farrelly (Dundrum) 14 84m Discus: J Moreland (Annadale)

Sally Jones introduces her children to short-tennis, and meets some of the hopeful stars of the future

The road to the Centre Court, in short steps

MIKE SHARP



Tennis without tears . . . children at the net at Warwick Boat Club. To lessen the physical strain, nets are low, the court is reduced and rackets are loosely strung

SPORT FOR ALL

With Wimbledon all but over, the tennis courts in every public park in the land are, for a week or two, crowded with would-be champions: from plump middle-aged chaps with ancient wooden Dunlop Maxplys, to seven-year-olds whacking spongy balls with plastic rackets.

For most, the craze is soon over and then the rackets go back in the cupboard for another year.

Since the early 1980s, however, a revolution has been taking place in schools, clubs and leisure centres, to encourage more youngsters to take up tennis via a simplified, cut-down version of the game, known as short-tennis.

It was in this game as a thin, determined eight-year-old that Tim Henman, the new British hero, won his first national championship. Since then it has brought in tens of thousands of children from non-tennis playing backgrounds and kept their interest as they progress from short-tennis to the real thing.

I decided to initiate my two children, five-year-old Roly and Madeline, three, at the beginner's session at our nearest venue, the picturesque Warwick Boat Club, beside Warwick Castle. The session, which attracted about a dozen children, aged between five and seven, was run by club members Sue Lennox and Gill Thorpe, whose own children started with short-tennis.

It seemed at first sight like a party game, with the youngsters split into two teams and sprinting backwards and forwards in noisily, highly-competitive potato races to improve their speed and agility, then scurrying up and down with the ball balanced on the racket.

Next, they stood in a circle, gently hitting a low-bouncing, pressureless ball with their small, loosely-strung rackets for the child opposite to catch at waist height after one bounce. The drill became slightly more complex when each receiver was asked to catch the ball on the face of the racket.

"At this stage," Lennox said, "we're simply trying to build up the children's hand-eye co-ordination — and giving them a lot of fun."

The fun element was never in doubt, even though Roly, in headstrong mood, insisted on demonstrating the "big front-hand" he had learnt in the back garden, whacking the ball straight at the child opposite.

Lennox tactfully distracted him by enlisting his help in setting out the low nets, with their mobile posts and light netting across the two small rectangular courts, minus tramlines and simply divided down the middle.

After practising forehands and backhands in a group, the children formed two lines behind the baseline and were each fed a few groundstrokes, scoring one point for any shot that went over the net and two if it landed in court.

Even Madeline, swinging wildly at a gently-thrown ball, managed to hit a forehand for the first time and swelled with pride when she was awarded two points. By contrast, Lucy Tedstone and her friend Andrew Frost, both six, hardly missed a shot and after only a handful of sessions already looked capable of moving up into the more advanced group where the children begin to play simple games against one another.

"It's brilliant," Lucy said. "I love being in a group and playing lots of different games. My family are quite sporty and I can keep a rally going now — just about. I've made some new friends, too."

"I look forward to it every week," said William Homer, 5, another regular. "The first time I got a ball over the net I felt great."

Three children then stood inside hoops on the baseline of each court and tried to catch the groundstrokes hit by the children on the other side of the net. A catch after one bounce gave the catcher the right to change places with the hitter during this drill, which is designed to improve both accuracy and co-ordination.

Only Roly, thrilled to have played his first double-handed backhand on court, refused to change ends when caught "out" and insisted on being fed more groundstrokes, crowing with delight whenever he made contact.

By the end of the 45-minute session, the children reluctantly gathered up the scores of balls littering the court ("I want three balls in the box from everyone by the time I count ten"). The older children assembled for the more advanced session, several of them training for tournaments that give youngsters their first taste of competition well before they can master the basics of "proper" tennis.

To most youngsters, tennis itself is a frustratingly difficult game in the early stages. Even sustaining a rally is impossible without a modicum of skill and strength.

By contrast, short-tennis is a simple, accessible but realistic version of tennis and is growing rapidly in popularity. More than 200,000 children now play regularly and more than 70 per cent of the crop competing in the national age-group championships progressed to the full-scale game via short-tennis.

"Our kids here really love it," Lennox said. "They're so enthusiastic and several, including one of my sons, have gone on to area or county coaching in tennis itself."

As if to prove the point, Roly, as ever unhampered by false modesty, accosted the biggest eight-year-old in the advanced group. "I'm good at tennis," he announced proudly. "I think I'll stay on and play with you."



Serving . . . children are involved in competition, but the emphasis is always on fun

MAKING A START IN SHORT-TENNIS



SHORT-TENNIS was developed in Sweden in the 1970s and was so successful in channelling a crop of accomplished young tennis players into tennis proper that it rapidly spread to the rest of Europe. It is now an important breeding ground for future champions. The LTA introduced it with a pilot scheme in 1980 and then broadened it to the whole country the following year.

Many clubs, schools and leisure centres run short-tennis sessions for children, aged between about five and nine. They will need pumps or trainers and loose-fitting clothing, usually T-shirts and shorts or tracksuits, but most centres do not insist on white clothes and will usually lend a suitable mini racket, until the child acquires his own (these can cost from £15). Dozens of low-pressure balls for the drills and games are also supplied.

Sessions, which are usually open to non-members and vary between 45 minutes and an hour in length, can cost up to £2 per child, although many are far cheaper than this.

Warwick Boat Club offers a course of ten sessions for £6 and has recruited dozens of children from non tennis-playing backgrounds as a result.

To find out where your nearest centres are, contact: Short-Tennis Department, The LTA, Queen's Club, West Kensington, London W14 9EG (0171-381 7059).

At full speed ahead

The cyclist and runner Josie Heffernan is on top of the world

There seems no end to the talents of Josie Heffernan. A former competitor in the world cycling championships, she is now a veteran long-distance runner of rare distinction.

She trains for both sports while juggling four part-time jobs with four children. Josie, 45, is also a member of Christians in Sport.

She was the second runner home in the world 25 kilometre road race in Bruges ten days ago, having been inspired to return to athletics when a member of *The Times* team for the 1994 London Marathon. It was the team spirit of that event — when the newspaper picked two teams, one advised by Chris Brasher and the other by Mel Batty, from more than 500 applicants — that once again had Heffernan out on the roads. However, this time she was running, not cycling.

Her background on her bike has unquestionably helped her in athletics. "When I was 14 there was a clash between a cycling race and an inter-schools athletics event. My Dad told me that I had to make up my mind between the two. I opted for cycling."

Josie rode for Britain in four world championships. After giving birth to her first two children, Neil, 17, and Mark, 14, she tried triathlon in the 1980s but suffered so badly from hypothermia in the swim section that she got pleurisy. "I was so ill that I thought I was going to die." Triathlon has subsequently allowed wet-suits to be used.

When she and her husband, Steve, a bronze medal-winner in the professional pursuit at the world cycling championships, moved to Seer Green in Buckinghamshire five years ago, she was too busy working as a teacher and bringing up her two youngest children, Naomi, 8, and Emily, 6, to do any exercise.

She says: "I was getting unhappy with myself. Then came the chance of running the London Marathon. To be honest, I did not do enough distance work and hated the second half."

However, she still had enough talent to ensure that she did 3hr 45min. "I was also determined that having got to that level I was not going to give up. I wanted to do shorter distances, like 10 kilometres."

PETER TREVNOR



Heffernan trains with her daughter Emily

She kept training between her varied jobs as: a youth worker; a gymnastics coach for under-fives; a schools liaison officer for the Persil Fun Fit scheme; and an administrator for the Chiltern Christians training programme.

Two weeks ago, she ran at the world veterans championships in Bruges, both in the ten-kilometre road race, in which she finished sixth in her age category, recording 38min 33sec, and then, the next day, in the 25 kilometres, when she did 1hr 43min 02sec.

"I was overwhelmed by my performance, but I was dying towards the end," she said. "I felt as if I was standing still." It is not an experience that someone as active as Josie often feels.

JOHN GOODBODY

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Paul Hackett's team convincingly won their Premier league match against Sowter. This hand was a rare gain for Sowter. How do you think South managed to go down in Six Spades?

Dealer South **Love all** **IMPs**

	♠J 10 9 5 ♥A K 10 ♦A 7 6 ♣K Q J	
♠3 ♥Q 5 ♦Q 9 5 3 2 ♣10 8 7 3 2	N W E S	♠A 8 4 ♥9 7 4 3 ♦K J 10 8 ♣9 4
	♠K Q 7 6 2 ♥J 8 6 2 ♦4 ♣A 6 5	

Contract: Six Spades by South. Lead: three of diamonds

Tony Forrester won the lead in dummy and continued with the jack of spades. When that held the trick he thought he might have caught East napping. He continued with a diamond ruff, a club to the king, the ace of hearts and another diamond ruff. He then crossed to dummy with a club, leaving this position:

	♠10 9 5 ♥K 10 ♦— ♣J	
♠— ♥Q ♦3 2 ♣7 3 2	N W E S	♠A 8 ♥9 7 4 ♦8 ♣—
	♠K 7 ♥J 8 6 ♦— ♣A	

By now the defence's carding had convinced Forrester that West had length in diamonds. In that case, if the trumps were 2-2, East was more likely to have the queen of hearts.

So Forrester decided to play East for having started with ace doubleton of spades. He played a club — that would only cost if East had started with two and had A x of spades left. If the club had held up, Forrester planned to put East in with a second spade to lead into the heart tenace, or give a ruff and discard.

Alas, East ruffed and Forrester was one down — a feat that only a top-class player could have accomplished. Forrester might have reflected that if East had been looking at A x of spades and the queen of hearts, he would have risen on the first round of spades to avoid the endplay. Senior said Forrester had only played that way to get his name in the papers. Well, he's succeeded, hasn't he?

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Manchester win

The team from Manchester Grammar School has won this year's *Times British Schools* chess championship. They defeated their co-finalists Maidstone Grammar School by the score of 3.5 to 2.5 in the final held on Friday at London's Charing Cross Hotel. Results of the third place play-off and games from both matches will appear in subsequent articles.

Never say die

By drawing game 15 and winning game 16, Gata Kamsky has kept his slim chances alive in the Fide world championship.

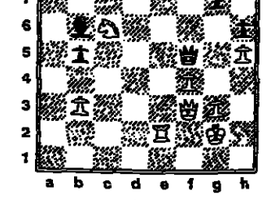
White: Gata Kamsky
Black: Anatoly Karpov

Fide world championship
Elista. Game 16, July 1996

Queen's Indian Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	e6
3	Nf3	b6
4	g3	Ba6
5	b3	Bb4+
6	Bd2	Be7
7	Bg2	c6
8	Bc3	d5
9	Ne5	Nfd7
10	Nxd7	Nxd7
11	Nd2	0-0
12	0-0	Rc8
13	e4	c5
14	exd5	exd5
15	dxc5	dxc4
16	c6	cxb3
17	Re1	Bb5
18	axb3	Bxc6
19	Bxc6	Rxc6
20	Rxa7	Bf8
21	Nc4	Bxc3
22	Rxd7	Qf6
23	Re4	Qf5
24	Rf4	Qe6
25	Rdxd7	Re8
26	Qf3	Bf6
27	Rb7	h6
28	Kg2	Kh8
29	h4	Kg8
30	Kh2	Kh8
31	Qh5	Rd8
32	Rf7	Bd4
33	Rf8+	Rxf8
34	Rxf8+	Kh7
35	Qf3	Bc5
36	Rf5	Rc8
37	h5	Rd8
38	Re5	Qd7
39	Qe4+	Kh8
40	Kg2	Rf8
41	f4	Rd8
42	Qf3	Bd4
43	Re2	b5
44	Nd2	Bb6
45	Ne4	Qd1
46	Nf2	Qb1
47	Ng4	Qf5
48	Ne5	Kg8
49	Nc6	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



On move 20 Black could have played 20 ... Rxc3 but then 21 Nb1 Rc7 22 Rxc7 Qxc7 23 Rxe7 gives White the advantage. Interestingly, Karpov admitted to having analysed this variation before the game up to the 25th move, concluding that the position was equal. However, in his pre-game analysis Karpov had overlooked the combination 25 Rdxd7 and if 25 ... Rxf7 26 Qd8+ forcing checkmate.

MATCH SCORE

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Tot
Karpov	1	0	½	1	½	1	½	1	0	½	½	½	½	1	½	0	8½
Kamsky	0	1	½	0	½	0	½	0	1	½	½	½	½	0	½	1	8½

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

SEMIBOUSY
a. Half drunk
b. A short blouse
c. A hiccup

SMITHAM
a. A fine particle
b. A forge
c. Charlock

SCHADON
a. The iambic caesura
b. A bee larva
c. A musical tailing-off

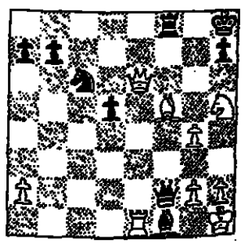
SOCLE
a. A joint
b. A shoemaker's anvil
c. A pedestal

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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Berg — Nordstrom, Norway 1978. In this position, Black has a terrible threat of mate by playing ... Qxg2 next move. White has no good way to defend against this and so must resort to a swift attack himself. What did he play?



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BOXING: RETIREMENT TALK PREMATURE DESPITE LISTLESS DISPLAY

Benn lacks conviction in and out of the ring

BY SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

THE position of Nigel Benn as a serious world contender was in some doubt after his challenge for Steve Collins's World Boxing Organisation super-middleweight title in Manchester on Saturday. Immediately after the bout ended in the fourth round, because Benn was unable to continue as a result of an ankle injury, he announced that he was retiring.

It was reminiscent of his defeat by Thulane Malinga, of South Africa, in Newcastle, when Benn retired immediately after the contest and came back the next day. This time his change of mind, or rather, half change of mind, came just 20 minutes later.

He told the full house of 20,000 at the Nynex Arena and viewers of Sky Television: "I think this is it for me. Thanks to all my fans but I know when I have to stop." Then, after a shower and brush-up, he told the press: "My fiancée wants me to retire, my dad wants me to retire. I will go home and think about it. I know I can beat him. They say I'm finished but I still have a lot of fight left in me."

There was no urgent reaction when a rematch was mentioned, nor did Frank Warren, the promoter, attempt to draw him out on the subject. "I'm not going to ask him to fight," Warren said. "If he wants to fight, he must decide."

Benn continued: "My fiancée, Caroline, is expecting twins. That means a lot to me, more than fighting. I'm going to sit down and think about it. When the babies are born I would like to be the champion. We'll talk and talk and talk and if, at the end of it, I do retire, I can say what a blinding career I've had and I shouldn't feel sad."

It was strange to see a fighter who likes nothing better than a "tear up" hesitating about his next move, but it would be surprising if he did not come back. He received £800,000 for his night's work. The 20,000 spectators who had cheered him wildly would return to see him pick up another £800,000 or so. But even Benn will have to do better next time to keep their allegiance. As Benn himself said: "If you go out a loser, you are soon forgotten."

His performance was the worst of his career. It was sloppy and lacked purpose. When he turned his ankle, the excruciating pain seemed to wipe out all desire of becoming a world champion again. He accepted the mishap without a murmur. His boxing had no co-ordinating strategy. He was fighting on instinct. He resorted to wild swings which set up attacks and, time after time, found himself in a wrestling match. Twice he missed and fell over.

I made the first two rounds even and gave Benn the third. The judges did not give Benn a round. In the third, he caught Collins with four solid punches, two rights and two lefts. Even though the punches seemed to have little effect on the champion, the contest was just beginning to develop.

The champion said afterwards that he did not feel the punches. When his cornermen cautioned him against fighting Benn's fight he said: "He is not hurting me at all. I'm enjoying it. I'm going to go out and knock him out."

Benn appeared to be winning the fourth when he swung round with a punch and went down on his right ankle. There was no count as he had not gone down from any blow. Benn got up and tried in vain to put his weight on that foot in order to be able to ward off the blows that Collins was now piling in. Then, suddenly, Benn turned his back on Collins, waved his arms in the air and limped off back to his corner.

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JOHN GICHIGI



Collins, the champion, has Benn in trouble during the truncated world title bout in Manchester on Saturday

Grand design wins battle for Leeds United

BY JASON NISSÉ

Last Tuesday afternoon, the four-man board of Leeds United met to decide which one of three offers for the FA Carling Premiership club should be accepted. Would it be the media minnows, Caspian, the Le Coq Sportif group, Conrad, or, coming in with a bid as late as a tackle by Vinnie Jones, the Norwegian fish giants, Resource Group International (RGI)? In the end, Caspian, the long-time favourites, got the nod, but the losers feel that the bid process left more than a little to be desired.

The deal has yet to go through, but, with the outgoing Leeds chairman, Leslie Silver, and incoming Leeds chairman, Bill Fotherby, accepting the deal, Caspian is assured of 79 per cent of the club's shares. The 250 minority shareholders in Leeds can either like it or lump it.

The trouble is that Caspian is offering only £16.5 million for Leeds. This looks cheap given that Manchester United is worth more than £230 million, Tottenham Hotspur is priced at £100 million and, after admitting its flotation intentions last week, Newcastle United is looking at a valuation of more than £100 million. It seems especially cheap once you know that Conrad offered £20 million for Leeds and RGI, which owns another football club, Molde, in Norway, is claiming that it offered £30 million (though this figure is disputed by Leeds insiders).

One can hardly blame Leeds for turning RGI away. Whereas the other two bidders had talked for weeks and delivered lots of documents, RGI turned up with one sheet of paper and a chap called Rune Hauge. As he was the agent who was so generous to the former Arsenal manager, George Graham, and is still shunned by Fifa, football's world governing body, he would not be that popular at the Football Association.

Yet what reason was there to run down Conrad's offer, especially as the company was promising to put another £15 million or so into Leeds? It appears that Silver and Fotherby were dazzled by the grand designs and vision of the Caspian chairman, Chris Akers.

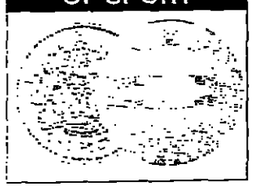
Akers, 31, is a City whiz-kid who made his name brokering cable television and sporting rights deals. He wants to turn Leeds into the sort of sporting club that exists in Barcelona and is planned by Sir John Hall at Newcastle, but with added multimedia, leisure and retailing ideas. The concept is for you to turn off the motorway into Elland Road on any day of the week and find entertainment — be it football, ice hockey, basketball, rugby league, the cinema, a disco, a bowling alley or even Gary Barlow in concert.

To do this, Akers needs money. Leeds's turnover in the 1995-96 season was £18.8 million, of which £8.6 million came from gate receipts and the rest largely from merchandising and television rights. Thanks to the new deal with BSkyB (40 per cent owned by News International, which owns *The Times*) this income is set to soar to more than £25 million this year and well in excess of £30 million in 1997-98.

There is a break clause in the BSkyB deal that will allow clubs to negotiate their own pay-per-view television deals come the summer of 1999. According to some quite excitable research, this could lead to annual income of more than £2 billion for the Premiership — or an average of £100 million each for the individual clubs. With TelePiu in Italy and Canal Plus in France launching pay-per-view football coverage this year, this revolution is not so far away.

It is easy to see how Akers's vision tempted Silver and co. The trouble is they did just the sort of under-the-cover deal that has haunted football over the years, a deal that heralds a new era with one of the last hurrahs of the old.

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Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
4 535.10	Allied Domecq†	447	- 5	6.6	16.9
305.70	Bulmer (H/P)	979	+ 14	2.7	18.2
58.70	Burn Stewart	99		5.3	21.4
104.60	Glenmorangie At	785		2.0	19.6
8,853.60	Grand Met	492	- 5	4.6	17.7
9,089.40	Guinness	470	+ 2	4.0	15.9
501.20	Highland Dist	376	+ 6	2.7	17.5
184.30	Macallan-Glen	157	- 20	1.2	32.7
671.10	Matthew Clark	760	- 9	3.6	-
15.30	Morrison W	140	+ 9	4.1	-
5,540.90	SA Breweries	1681½	- 12½	2.0	-

BANKS

10,411.90	ABN-AMRO	3431½	+ 12½	3.9	12.1
7,733.70	Abbey Nat	585	+ 44	4.6	11.2
2,341.80	Abed Mish	348		4.6	11.2
4,307.50	Aus New Z	310	+ 3	6.0	7.6
17,435.80	Bank America	4581½	+132½	-	-
2,867.90	Bank Scotland	741	+ 7	3.6	10.2
12,664.10	Barclays	759	+ 26	4.1	10.4
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139.50	Cater Allen	426	+ 31	9.3	-
25,710.50	Citicorp	5312½	- 26	-	-
432.60	Close Bros	2350		3.2	15.9
4,735.20	Commerzbk	2132½	- 81½	3.8	-
35,630.70	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1146½	- 46½	0.4	-
14,308.20	Deutsche Bk	3009½	- 19½	2.5	-
161.60	Espirito Santo	788½		4.6	10.2
38,814.10	Fed Bank Y	12399½	- 46	0.4	-
173.10	Gerrard Nat†	354	- 2	8.1	11.2
415.90	Hambros	395	+ 3	4.6	-
8,937.20	HSBC	1838	+ 38	3.9	11.1
17,596.90	HSBC Hk	1014	+ 28	3.9	10.8
341.80	Irish Perm	410		3.1	11.2
44.10	King Shaxson†	167	- 3	6.7	13.0
22.70	Leopold J	498		5.0	-
16,830.00	Lloyds TSB	330	+ 15	3.0	14.5
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26.10	Nea Brothers	244		2.3	55.9
4,845.00	Rbt Bk Scot†	500	+ 7	4.3	11.0
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31.00	Wintrust	360		4.5	-

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4.56	Alrdn Sth Hld	38	+ 2	-	8.3
106.30	Ascot Hldgs	385	+ 5	-	-
7,338.20	Bass†	822	+ 33	3.9	17.9
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35.40	Burnswd Brs	170	+ 2	4.2	-
236.70	City Centre Rest	125		2.5	20.8
1,860.80	Compass Grp†	587	- 2	1.7	28.0
53.90	Eldridge P 'A'†	206	- 1½	2.3	21.8
109.70	Fuller Sm A	1035		2.2	-
1,701.00	Greenalls Grp†	577	+ 4	3.2	16.7
385.30	Greene King'A'	649	+ 6	3.6	-
34.60	Grosvenor Inns	244	- 30	2.8	35.9
43.10	Groupe Chez Gil	225	+ 1	-	22.8
80.60	Hardy Hanson	360		4.3	11.2
96.10	Hall J	3100		2.3	16.8
33.30	Inn Business	73	+ 1	-	-
256.20	Mansfield	348		2.1	16.8
282.30	Morlan Trnp	314	- 23	3.0	-
167.20	Morland†	608	- 3	2.5	18.4
36.50	Mx Kndl Town	145		2.8	14.3
7.71	Paramount	65½		-	42.1
1,159.90	Pelican Gp	157	- 4	1.6	-
225.00	PizzaExpress	988	+ 20	0.7	40.2
32.70	Ransdell (H)	173	+ 5	1.7	39.1
192.40	Regent Inns	339	+ 23	0.9	35.9
4,113.80	Scot & Nwc	670	+ 11	1.7	-
99.80	Sm Coldeigh	250	+ 6	1.4	31.1
397.90	Vaux Group	279	- 7	4.6	14.4
362.10	Wetherspoon JD	950	- 15	1.1	34.6
3,530.70	Whitbread'A'	731	- 20	3.7	15.8
439.10	Wolverhmpn O	639	- 7	3.1	14.6
143.90	Yates Bros	356	- 12	1.3	-
18.40	Young 'A'	833	- 5	3.0	25.0

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6.54	AMF Inds	24			
73.50	Aubrey	130		3.5	12.3
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199.90	Amec	98		3.8	19.9
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245.60	Ashtead	178	+ 8	1.8	15.4
16.10	Ashtrade	32		3.4	-
3.15	Bailey (Brn) Cm	30		4.4	12.8
22.10	Bancomr	58		1.8	-
614.30	Barratt Dev	265	- 11	3.9	16.3
502.80	Beazer Homes	178	- 4	4.1	11.5
314.20	Bellway	318		3.1	15.8
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566.30	Berkeley Gp	568	- 9	1.8	-
39.10	Bett Bros†	134	+ 1	5.8	-
62.60	Bovis (Henry)	232		4.0	10.0
30.00	Brandon Hire†	128		2.1	19.4
5.38	Britannia Grp	28		7.1	33.3
5.38	Br Bldg & Eng	48	+ 1	-	-
353.10	Bryant	126	+ 4	5.0	15.3
45.20	CALA	185	- 1	3.9	11.5
1.51	Camptell & Arm	10½	- 1½	-	9.3
6.40	Clarke T	55		9.8	-
20.20	Costain†	39	-	-	-
51.20	Countrywide†	617	- ½	5.2	-
70.90	Cred Nicholson	711½	- 3	3.5	18.8
14.40	Cleaves	81		6.0	10.1
13.70	Eve Group	140		8.0	7.5
17.80	Galliford	20	+ 1½	5.2	43.3
67.50	Gleeson (MJ)	853		2.2	16.0
3.70	Green (Eng)†	48		7.0	-
103.10	Hanelock Exrs†	379	+ 40	1.2	28.1
366.00	Hewden-Stuart†	132	- 1	2.8	14.6
56.80	Higg & Hill	84	+ 1½	3.7	-
3.02	Howard Hldgs	19		5.3	17.3
69.90	James	84	- 5	-	-
94.10	Keller	168		3.2	14.3
143.40	Lang (JI)	312½	- 1½	3.5	30.5
45.60	Lang G.45 Gp Pl	114		7.0	-
4.88	Lovell (YJ)	12½	+ ½	-	-
54.20	Macalpn Gp	176		3.3	13.6
108.90	McAlpine (A)	149	- 2	-	59.5
92.80	McCarthy & S	94	+ 2	3.4	12.7
49.10	Morgan Sndall	426	+ 14	2.7	15.7
115.40	Morrison Const	172	+ 5	5.1	-
158.20	Mowlem (J)	248		3.2	-
403.30	Persimmon	2300	+ 1	5.2	18.1
20.20	Pochins	97	- 1	2.1	9.8
107.00	Prowting†	137	- 1	3.5	29.1
28.30	Rapid Ind	15	+ ½	-	-
256.50	Redrow	139		3.9	14.8
4.88	Secure Retirt	46	- 1	2.7	24.1
32.10	Sheriff Hldgs'C'†	287	- 2	3.0	12.1
4.91	Shorcott	78	- 1	6.7	11.9
53.70	Spandrel	368		1.0	22.6
43.80	Tay Homes	150	- 2	2.0	12.5
646.10	Taylor Woodrw	165	+ 9	2.2	24.7
170.70	Tilbury Dougl	566	- 3	5.4	15.2
10.40	Try Group	15		-	-
49.70	Vibroplant	88	+ 1	5.8	6.6
62.40	Wainhomes†	109		5.6	-
22.60	Ward Hldgs	43		4.4	6.4
187.90	Westbury†	210	- 5	3.6	-
41.80	Wiggins	8		-	55.1
338.80	Wilson (C)	167	+ 3	3.4	20.7
414.20	Wilcox Bowde	443		4.8	21.0
536.60	Wimpey G	148	- 1	4.8	-

BUILDING MATERIALS

7.34	Aldington	64			
1,722.40	BPB Ind	340	+ 21	3.5	16.3
45.60	Baggeridge Brk	112		3.5	21.4
206.80	Bardon†	374½	- ¼	6.7	16.7
13.40	Blockleys	54		-	-
2,745.10	Blue Circle	372	+ 13	4.2	20.0
24.40	Bredon PLC	86	+ 1	1.0	14.1
21.90	Br Dredging	135		3.6	14.5
2,335.10	CRH	649		1.8	17.5
3.46	Caledonian Hby†	41		5.1	-
87.70	Cape	182		8.5	11.5
1,302.40	Caradon	217	+ 1	5.5	21.5
304.30	Caradon pf	113½		9.0	-
2.67	Chilton Gp	31	- 4	4.0	-
163.70	Dyson (JBJ)	163	+ 1	3.1	13.5
11.00	Dyson A	80	+ 1	5.3	6.6
18.20	Ecrete†	223		5.0	14.4
29.30	Flare	155		-	17.1
1.46	Gibbs & Dandy	36		5.1	13.9
222.10	Graham Grp	159		4.5	17.0
117.00	Halstead (J)	381	- 3	2.9	16.5
698.70	Hepworth†	266	- 3	5.5	15.0
5.86	Hewetson	63	- 2	3.1	13.9
132.20	Heywd Wms	236	- 2	3.4	13.7
204.60	Ibstock	72½		3.4	10.4
53.50	Johnson	500		2.8	12.9
21.00	Lilleshall	73		6.9	8.3
463.90	Marley	195	+ 6	4.4	15.4
204.90	Marshalls†	169	+ 1	3.9	14.4
480.60	Meyer Int†	378	+ 5½	3.6	32.4
156.00	Newman Tnks	122	- 2	7.1	14.4
180.00	Novacrs	103	- 2	-	11.8
16.70	Phoenix Timber	25	- 1	-	10.1
1,331.70	Pilkington†	187	+ 6	3.0	-
301.50	Polypipe	198	- 13	1.8	17.6
2,709.00	RMC Gp	1650	+ 37	2.7	13.6
2,127.60	Redland	488	+ 7	5.1	15.6
20.50	Ruberoid	115		4.4	10.6
66.40	Rutherford	137½	- 2½	5.5	13.2
274.30	Rugby Group	173	+ 3	4.0	20.5
28.40	Ruscoe (A)	120		2.8	17.9
244.90	SIG	215	- 2	2.8	10.7
3.95	SMP	39½		-	-
42.10	Sharpe & Fisher	195		3.3	16.0
72.60	Spring Ram	16	+ ½	-	-
159.30	Streetmaster Hldgs	215	+	4.5	17.9
1,061.00	Tarmac	114½	+ 3½	6.0	18.7
13.10	Tilon	118		5.0	12.1
453.30	Travis Perkins	438	+ 3	2.7	19.0
3.02	Tyler	35		5.7	15.9
7.78	Watermouse 2-p	21		-	-
2,562.80	Wates†pf	452	- 3	2.8	15.6

CHEMICALS

576.80	Albright & Wil	184	+ 5	4.4	15.6
693.40	Allied Colloids	130	- 1	2.8	22.2
24.60	Amber Ind†	157		4.8	11.1
54.70	Amberley Gp	98	+ 2	2.0	21.2
10,946.60	BASF Dkl	1871½	+ 43½	3.1	-
4,516.10	BOC†	1225	- 11	3.6	17.4
458.70	BTR†	279	- 2½	5.0	14.7
1,545.80	Bayer DM50	2291½	- 31½	3.6	-
69.00	Brent Chems	182	- 1	2.5	-
474.60	Br Vita	276	+ 1	4.4	17.5
24.30	Canning (W)	209		3.8	16.8
1,734.00	Courtaulds†	425		4.7	21.2
409.70	Croda	366	- 4	3.8	14.8
45.80	Dualvis A	272	- 7	3.9	19.5
246.70	Ellis & Everard	388	+ 5	3.9	14.9
39.20	Euro Colour†	72	+ 3	3.8	14.2
18.80	Gibbon	177	+ 9	5.1	-
175.70	Hickson	72		3.5	21.8
1,269.10	Hoechst	2146½	- 9½	2.5	-
138.30	Holliday Chem	133	+ 9	4.7	15.6
5,533.30	ICI	1177	- 11	4.8	11.1
298.90	Inspec	257		3.9	12.4
485.90	Kalon	137		4.4	-
1,367.30	Laporte	782	+ 26	4.1	17.0
108.10	Manders	271	+ 1	5.3	12.4
35.60	Mortstan	96		2.1	13.2
6.99	Mowlcrft	29		3.1	-
105.00	Ponsar	415	- 5	1.6	22.1
589.00	Scapa†	243	+ 6½	3.4	13.7
48.20	Sndcliffe Group	32	- 2	3.4	-
9,864.90	Tate& Chem†	1138	- 18½	0.7	16.5
81.00	Wiltshire R	1013	- 5	3.8	15.6
116.30	Yates Chem	254	+ 1	3.8	14.2
353.70	Yule Catto†	358	- 1	2.8	17.7

DISTRIBUTORS

32.80	Alfi Lelort	98		5.5	11.9
16.60	Adam & Harvey	395	+ 17	6.4	5.0
6.65	Alexanders	17		2.2	-
87.90	Appleyard	162	+ 1	2.6	11.7
9.19	Ass Br Eng	39		2.1	-
163.40	BSS Group†	619		4.1	17.1
35.20	Bunzl	75	- 2	4.1	14.2
8.44	Bunzl Pwrs	33½		4.6	16.8
2.06	Bogod A	43	- 2	2.1	14.2

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

11.50	Anglo Utd	1¾	+ ¼	-	-
502.90	Amstrgsss	330	- 3	2.0	10.8
15,874.50	Bnksn Hill	871	- 26	2.9	19.8
9,780.70	BTR	240	- 4½	3.7	14.1
15,330.10	BAT	585	- 10	4.3	10.7
1,202.30	Berisford Intl†	184	+ 3	2.4	13.3
187.30	Bibby (J)	116	+ 6	6.6	8.4
1,671.10	Brierley Inv	624½	+ 2½	7.4	3.2
780.50	Charter	980	- 18	3.9	13.9
15,782.50	Hanch Mstor	1618	- 46½	0.5	-
663.10	Lakd	462		3.2	13.8
9.30	Loades	465		0.3	-
1,005.10	Lucas	227	+ ½	2.2	29.7
235.10	Mayflower	107½	+ ½	2.4	42.6
45.00	Sytone	190	+ 3	3.5	-
749.60	T & N†	141	+ 1	5.3	9.0
251.00	Tomkys Hldgs	74	- 1	2.5	17.5

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

199.70	Aimtrol	132½	- 2	7.4	37.8
20.00	Alnmw Stearnt	571	+ 1	4.2	7.2
181.60	Awys Rubber†	675	+ 10	3.4	16.5
761.40	BSG	338		4.5	16.3
56.60	Bostrom	335	+ 20	2.5	14.7
12.60	Boosted	19	- 1	3.2	-
231.10	Brfy	231		1.9	17.7
78.50	Flrst Tech	497		1.9	17.7
3,482.40	GKN	958	- 7	3.0	18.1
23,714.40	General Mtr	3337½	- 37½	3.1	8.8
359.20	Glynwed	698	- 8	2.2	19.8
15,782.50	Hanch Mstor	1618	- 46½	0.5	-
663.10	Lakd	462		3.2	13.8
9.30	Loades	465		0.3	-
1,005.10	Lucas	227	+ ½	2.2	29.7
235.10	Mayflower	107½	+ ½	2.4	42.6
45.00	Sytone	190	+ 3	3.5	-
749.60	T & N†	141	+ 1	5.3	9.0
251.00	Tomkys Hldgs	74	- 1	2.5	17.5

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

3,631.50	AB Food	403½	+ 16½	2.7	14.4
114.60	Acatos & Hutch†	264	- 4	3.4	13.7
339.40	Albert Fisher†	48½	-	10.1	11.6
36.30	Allied Mills	335	- 13	4.3	11.5
64.60	Bat (AG)	374	- 8	3.1	21.8
14.30	Berisford Cnsp	26		-	71.9
643.40	Booker	373	- 4	7.7	14.1
20.70	Botrlwrkt†	35½	+ ½	4.6	15.9
54.30	CPL Amdrag	450	- 5	1.4	20.7
5,044.10	Cadbury-Schw	606	- 3	4.0	16.9
13.90	Candlish Pizza	77	- 1	7.8	13.0
21.60	Carrs Milling	300		3.6	10.7
58.70	Cavaghan	69	- 1	3.1	11.8
9.43	Continental Fds	65	- 2	3.8	10.1
27.00	Cranswick	190	- 2	6.3	11.8
1,001.70	Dalgety	345	- 8	7.9	10.4
12.00	Dennis S	32		0.4	-
388.60	Devro	265	+ 2	3.9	14.1
86.70	Ebrey (Jersey)†	107	+ 2	4.3	24.6
183.10	Geest	254	+ 17	4.9	17.5
27.00	Global	18½		4.1	12.3
612.10	Greencore†	302	- 5	2.5	13.9
237.50	Hazlewood Fdst	192	+ 1	1.3	-
1,226.40	Hillsdown	177		3.7	12.1
22.20	JD Bloopt	57	+ ½	10.9	-
65.30	Linton Park)	403	+ 33	4.1	-
135.20	Matthews (B)	101		4.2	9.7
89.80	Nichols (V)	226	+ 1	3.6	14.2
1,002.30	Nthn Foods†	179	+ 8	6.1	11.4
7.67	Nthmbrn Fn	12½		1.0	-
1.82	Pascoe's	114		-	-
474	Pengllan (Uk)	63	- 3	6.9	13.4
100.90	Perkins Food	81	- 1	6.1	11.7
119.50	Pilgrim Fds & Cert	61	+ 1	5.7	-
34.90	SalePerfect†	71	- 1	5.7	9.3
15.80	Sanby Farm	210	- 13	2.0	13.9
10.70	Sims Food	31		12.1	10.4
2,058.50	Tate & Lyle†	471	+ 13	4.3	9.8
29.50	Tiptrl	307	- 2	2.3	12.9
933.00	Unigate†	395	- 3	6.1	10.1
10,195.60	Unilever	1251	- 29	2.9	-
14,825.50	Unilever (NV)	9228½	- 84½	2.5	-
1,261.50	Utd Biscuits	222	+ 13	9.6	-
16.10	Wt Foods	30		5.3	9.8
28.50	Yorkshire Food	65	- 1	7.5	5.7

HEALTHCARE

620.40	Amersham†	1040	- 5	2.2	19.5
20.90	Avogen	45		-	-
21.30	Bristol Myrs	142	+ 4	3.8	20.7
99.40	Bespak	383	+ 5	3.2	27.2
229.10	Biocompas Intl	415	- 30	-	-
46.60	Care Lit†	113	- 4	0.9	19.4
95.80	Celsis	122	+ 2½	-	-
104.80	Community H	37		3.7	17.4
56.90	CrnlaCare	30		-	-
6.47	Environed	26		-	-
11.80	Fesens Group†	105		2.9	15.4
73.60	Goldborough†	168	- 3	3.0	14.1
11.00	Greenacre'B'	11½		-	-
265.00	Healthpl Tec'D	933		1.1	31.2
18.20	Intercare Gpf	64		6.8	15.5
32.80	Isotron	308	- 5	2.3	15.9
185.30	Lin Sciences	165	+ 7	3.7	12.3
520.80	Lon Indy	754	- 2	1.8	20.8
75.70	Medis-BRA	103	+ ½	3.9	17.3
0.84	Promise Health	11		-	-
44.10	Quality Care†	315	- 2½	2.0	11.5
175.70	Schnll	255	- 1	3.4	19.1
248.00	Selen Healthf	498	+ 9½	2.0	23.0
29.90	Shield Diag	160	+ 9½	-	-
2,358.70	Smiths & Nephs	2054½	-	3.4	21.1
4.90	Spacelabws	17	- 3	5.5	8.5
173.70	Talarc	138	+ 8	2.4	16.0
16.00	Tecnimed†	24		2.0	-
480.10	UniChem	262	+ 7	3.8	13.6
204.50	West Hillcare	318	- 6	2.2	14.6

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

68.50	Aerguard†	258	+ 3	2.7	18.2
116.40	Alba	344	- 19	4.4	-
14.60	Ambssr	39½	- 1	6.4	9.1
7.85	BLP Group	118		3.5	11.3
26.30	Bdcm (S C)	35		-	10.3
6.25	Bildon Bldrsnd†	71		-	25.4
10.50	Black Arrow	42	+ 2	9.2	7.3
142.00	Blacks Leis (Pbm)	535	+ 15	2.8	16.3
54.50	Comet Pln 'A'	135		0.6	-
3.52	Creighton Hl	75	- 1	12.8	5.4
13.70	Dalrymn	114	- 4	6.6	-
75.40	Decby Group	225	+ 2	1.9	20.5
75.40	Dwyer Blinds	105	+ 1	1.2	-
2.16	Elliott	17	- 1	-	-
7.11	Gaskell	146		3.8	12.7
183.80	Hall Thmpsn†	535	+ 2½	3.3	-
5.90	Hoskin (T)	42		2.4	22.7
217.40	Hunting	217	+ 2	2.8	20.9
1.91	Inglish Scot	145	- 2	2.8	20.9
98.70	European Asset	98		1.5	69.6
95.60	Fidlty Asian Val	93	+ 1	-	-
113.80	Fidlty Euro Val	210½	+ ½	0.3	-
82.40	Fidlty Jap Val	78½	- 1½	0.2	-
45.90	Fidlty Spec Val	125		8.5	-
30.60	Fleming 'A'†	191	+ 2	2.5	-
175.10	Flm Am Chile	191½	+ 3½	1.7	54.2
0.63	Flm Am Wts	3½		2.1	49.1
235.30	Fleming Amer	308	+ 2	0.9	-
41.80	Fleming Cap	104	+ 1	0.9	-
37.10	Fleming Chinese	61½	+ ½	10	71.8
3.27	Fleming Oh Wts	37½	-	-	-
152.10	Fleming Ossry	225	+ 1	2.8	34.6
256.10	Fleming Overs†	268	- 1	3.4	17.7
131.60	Fleming Pac	136		2.9	-
49.00	Fleming Pacific	49½	+ ½	10.9	-
34.70	Fleming Pac Incl	35½	+ ½	20.9	-
166.10	Fleming Pac Plagal	148	+ 4½	3.4	-
125.90	Fleming Pac Zero Dlr	125		5.5	19.9
32.10	M Comm Euro	139	- 1	0.7	-
72.50	M Comm Japan	104	-	-	-
64.80	M Comm Pac	158	- ½	0.7	-
122.60	Mallpalm	244	- 2	6.2	36.0
152.60	Mercantile	244½	- 6	6.3	16.2
531.80	Mercury Emrg Prf	89½	+ 1	2.4	38.4
34.20	Mercury Far Ea	29½	- ½	-	-
411.10	Mercury World	86½	- ½	1.3	72.9

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

2,597.50	3M	441	- 1	2.3	36.9
121.50	Aberforth Smlr	220	- 1	2.9	42.3
13.70	Aberforth Sm Wts	122	- 1	-	-
43.00	Abrdnt Emerg	84	- 1	0.6	-
36.00	Abrdnt High Inc	66	- 1	12.1	10.1
97.60	Abrdnt Hi Dwn	226		0.6	-
1,077.60	Alliance	2130		3.1	36.9
270.70	American Trust	326	+ 1	2.2	36.1
267.20	Anglo & Overs	489	+ 7	2.0	53.8
8.27	Aust Opps	94		0.3	-
34.40	Baillie Gifford Sh	139½	- ½	-	-
336.60	Bankers	217	+ 4	2.6	43.4
81.30	Baring Eml Eu	65½	+ ½	-	-
193.90	Barrard Tstee	378	- 3	2.4	50.2
309.90	Br Assets†	95½		6.1	19.9
302.70	Br Empire Sec	107	+ 2½	1.2	-
705.10	Br Inv†	226		3.0	35.1

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

10.750	Treas 7% 2001	98½	- ½	7.13	7.49
6.527	Treas 9¼% 2002	110½	- ½	8.02	7.57
8.600	Treas 8% 2003	101½	- ½	7.85	7.93
2.500	Treas 10% 2003	112½	- ½	8.69	7.69
1.820	Treas 11¼% 2001-04	112¾	- ¼	9.94	7.47
543	Redd 5¾% 1999-04	80½xd	- ½	4.35	6.65
3.412	Conv 9¼% 2004	110	- ½	8.84	7.84
6.500	Treas 6¼% 2004	93½	- ½	7.23	7.84
8.900	Treas 9¼% 2005	107½	- ½	8.18	7.91
4.842	Conv 9¼% 2005	109½	- ½	8.64	7.90

SHORTS (under 5 years)

2,100	Treas 12¼% 1996	219¾	+ ¼	9.91	5.83
3.405	Conv 10% 1995	101½	- ½	9.85	5.69
1.988	Treas 7% 1997	101½		6.92	5.82
1,250	Treas 13¼% 1997	109¾	- ½	12.14	5.70
3.700	Exch 10¼% 1997	105¾	- ½	10.21	5.73
3.650	Treas 8¾% 1997	100¾	- ½	8.49	5.84
639	Exch 11% 1997	111¾	- ½	13.49	5.88
3.568	Exch 9¾% 1998	105¾	+ ½	9.27	6.20
8.150	Treas 7¼% 1998	101½	+ ½	7.14	6.31
1.700	Treas 6¼% 1998-98	100¾	+ ½	6.22	6.52
970	Treas 14% 1998-01	113¾	- ½	12.37	6.48
935	Treas 15¼% 1998	118¾	- ½	13.09	6.56
3.989	Exch 12% 1998	111¾	- ½

RESULTS AND STATISTICS

TODAY

Interims: Low & Bonar, A G Barr.
Finals: Bucknall Group, Firth Holdings, Kenwood Appliances, Ivory & Sime, Northern Investors, Rexmore, Shield Diagnostics, Tomkins.
Economic statistics: UK June producer prices, UK May industrial production, US May consumer credit, US Treasury auction of short-term Treasury bills; Japan May current account.

TOMORROW

Interims: Eurocamp, P&P.
Finals: Birse Group, Budgens, Dudley Jenkins Group, Farepak, Gibbs Mew, John Menzies, Morris Ashby, Real Time Control, Universal Salvage, VHE Holdings, Wood (John D) & Co.
Economic statistics: UK May cyclical indicators, UK May new construction orders, UK Treasury summer economic forecast, US Mitsubishi weekly store sales, US May wholesale inventories, US Johnson redbook weekly chainstore sales, German June unemployment.

WEDNESDAY

Interims: M&W.
Finals: Dixons Group, FI Group, Matthew Clark, Stanley Leisure, VTech Holding.

THURSDAY

Interims: First Choice Holidays, Kleinwort Charter, Shani Group, Trust of Property Shares.
Finals: Caledonian Media Comms, Colefax & Fowler, GGT Group, Hampson Industries, Heiton Holdings, Peel Holdings, Phonelink, Ransom (Wm) & Son.
Economic statistics: UK June retail price index, US June Atlantic Fed survey, US weekly jobless claims report, French April current account balance.

FRIDAY

Interims: Olim Convertible Trust.
Finals: British Bloodstock.
Economic statistics: UK Confederation of British Industry June distributive trades survey, US June producer prices index, US retail sales, US June Atlanta Fed survey, French June provisional consumer prices index.

COMPANIES — KAREN ZAGOR



Dixons plugs into soaring profits

DIXONS GROUP: The future looks bright for Dixons, the electrical goods retailer that owns Dixons, Currys, PC World and The Link mobile phone chain. Brokers are expecting healthy profits when the group turns in its full-year results on Wednesday.

Dixons's interim result have already revealed that the group weathered the all-important Christmas selling season in good shape.

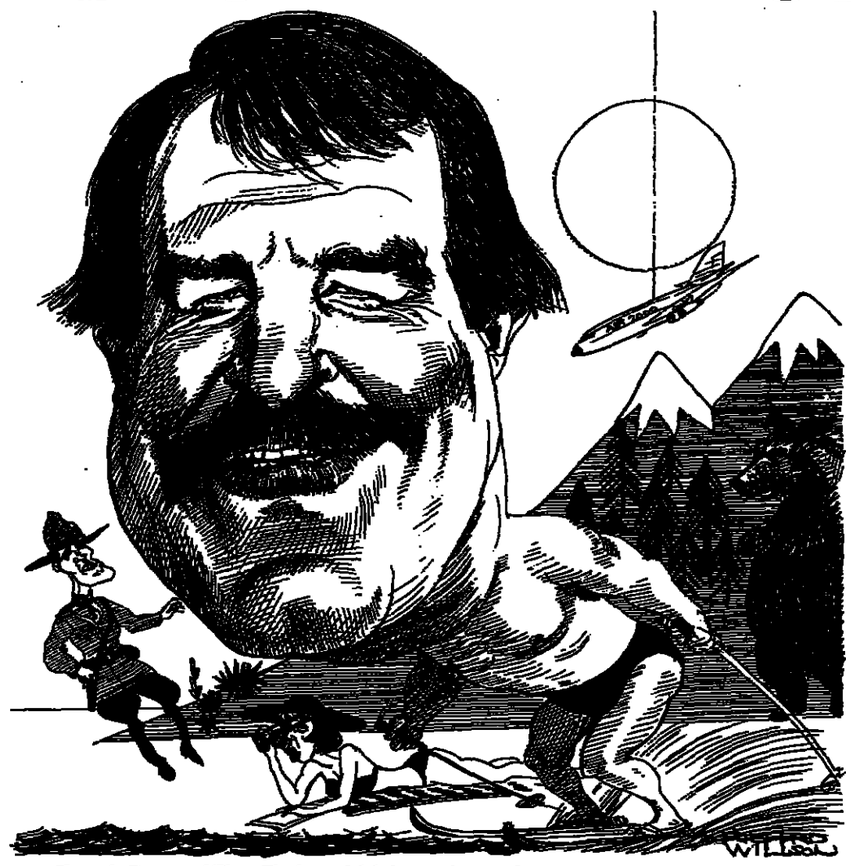
Growth has been particularly strong at PC World, where NatWest Securities has forecast a 24 per cent jump in like-for-like sales to £225 million for the year. The group is about to embark on a £100 million expansion programme over two years, led by PC World and The Link, creating up to 4,000 new jobs.

Pre-tax profits are expected to soar 38 per cent to £138 million with earnings per share rising to 23.2p from 16.6p. The net dividend is expected to show a 17.2 per cent rise to 8.5p.

The projections take into account the fact that Dixons is facing lower margins on warranties. Over the past year, the company has come under sustained criticism over its extended warranties, which have been very lucrative for the group.

JOHN MENZIES: The bleaker side of retailing is expected to be at the fore when John Menzies reports its full-year results on Tuesday. Analysts at SBC Warburg are expecting pre-tax profits to decline to £35 million from £38.1 million in 1995. Predicted earnings per share stand at 40p, down from 44.6p. The dividend, however, is expected to rise to 13.8p from 13.2p.

The erosion will come as little surprise. In January, when the retailer and newspaper distributor reported its interim figures, it gave warning that the full-year performance would disappoint. At the time, the company blamed the erosion on less profitable contracts with publishers.



Francis Baron of First Choice, which is gearing up for a summer holiday price war

Looking ahead, Menzies stands to benefit from new Nintendo hardware, as Menzies has an exclusive contrat with Nintendo. But the company is facing the threat of supermarkets moving into the profitable area of magazine retailing.

TOMKINS: The market has high hopes for an improvement at the industrial conglomerate in the wake of Tomkins's $1.4 billion acquisition of Gates, the privately owned US automotive and industrial components group. Any change, however, will come too late to affect Tomkins's full-year earnings, which are due out today. Analysts were disappointed when Tomkins issued a forecast of pre-tax profits in the £320 million range. UBS is looking for pre-tax profits of £323 million, up 7 per cent, with similar gains in earnings per share to 18.7p. Dividends are expected to rise 15 per cent to 9.95p. The results reflect a grim winter in North America, which had a particularly negative impact on sales at Murray, its lawnmower manufacturer.

STANLEY LEISURE: The popularity of the National Lottery is taking its toll on Stanley Leisure, Britain's fouth-biggest bookmaker, which reports its full-year figures on Wednesday. At the half-way mark, pre-tax profits were down nearly 20 per cent at £6.1 million. Analysts are looking for profits of about £14.5 million for the full year, with earnings per share in the 18p to 18.6p range and dividends of about 6.5p. Last year the hot summer kept punters out of the betting shops. This year the company should benefit from wetter weather, a one-point drop in betting tax and the introduction of fruit machines into betting shops.

FIRST CHOICE: With the holiday price wars for summer 1997 already heating up, First Choice, the third biggest package holiday company, is expected to post an interim loss of about £28 million.

Tour operators traditionally dip into the red in the first half, when they spend heavily in the hopes of recouping their losses during the summer. First Choice, which is owned by Thomas Cook and whose chief executive is Francis Baron, had a rough ride in the year to October when pre-tax profits tumbled to £1.3 million from £16.3 million a year earlier. Profits were hurt by the huge discounts needed to lure travellers away from competitors.

First Choice may find that this year's wet summer will drive more families abroad, but the unseasonably early price-war does not bode well.

MATTHEW CLARK: When the drinks group reports its full-yearprofits on Wednesday, analysts will be looking to see how successful Matthew Clark has been in integrating Taunton Cider, which it acquired last year. They are looking for pre-tax profits ranging from £23 million to £30 million, but the figures will be distorted by extraordinary items. Excluding exceptional items, the City expects operating earnings per share of about 46.4p, with dividends of 23p.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Clarke likely to cut forecast

The centrepiece of the British economic calendar this week is tomorrow's summer forecast from the Treasury, the economic assumptions of which will provide the backdrop to the Budget in November. Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, is widely expected to revise down his forecast for growth this year from 3 per cent and to raise his projection for public borrowing. The new growth forecast will be between 2.5 per cent and 2.75 per cent, while the PSBR could be revised up to £28 billion from £22.5 billion. Inflation for end-1996 is likely to be unchanged at 2.5 per cent.

Before the summer forecast come two important releases today. Producer prices data are expected to show a continued drop in industry's costs and prices. Input prices are expected to have fallen 0.5 per cent in June, giving a fall against a year ago of 0.3 per cent, according to the consensus of market forecasts compiled by MMS International. Output prices are expected to have fallen 0.1 per cent, taking the year-on-year rate down to 2.7 per cent from 2.9 per cent. Industrial production figures are expected to show a small rise of 0.2 per cent in both total production and in manufacturing output.

On Thursday, the latest distributive trades survey from the CBI is released as well as June retail price inflation figures. Headline inflation is forecast to be flat, pushing the annual rate down to 2.1 per cent from 2.2 per cent in May. The underlying rate of inflation is forecast to fall to 2.7 per cent from 2.8 per cent, and RPIY, the measure which excludes both mortgage interest payments and indirect taxes, is expected to be unchanged at 2.3 per cent.

Overseas, there will be interest in US retail sales and producer prices figures on Friday and German unemployment figures tomorrow. The Bundesbank council meets on Thursday, but is not expected to alter rates.

JANET BUSH

SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: **Buy** Vardon, SIG, ML Laboratories; **Sell** Eurotherm. *The Observer*: **Buy** Dixons, Zeneca; **Sell** Rank, Allied Domecq, Caradon, P&O, BAA. *The Sunday Telegraph*: **Buy** CRH, Great Universal Stores, Forward Technology Industries, Reg Vardy, Newman Tonks, Dixons Property Trust. *Sunday Express*: **Buy** HTV

Issues that could spoil the party

GILT-EDGED

The gilt market has had a good run recently. Since the lows associated with the initial impact of the mad cow problem, the trend has been quite decisively up. Looked at as the spread over German bunds — the way in which most European bonds are judged these days — the UK Government has seen the cost of its funding fall from about a 1.9 per cent premium over bunds to around 1.5 per cent currently.

One factor has been a switch of focus from political issues and back to good old-fashioned economics. Inflation has stayed low, interest rates have fallen further and economic growth has slowed to something seen to be below trend. The level of government borrowing has, at times, caused concern, but the overshoot has, from a market perspective, been kept within reasonable bounds.

Indeed, when the Chancellor presents half-yearly economic forecasts this week, he will have quite an upbeat story to tell. True, he will have to revise the growth forecast down and the PSBR forecast up for this year, but, for next year, he will doubtless say, with some justification, that stronger growth will tend to ensure that the trend in the PSBR is down. For this year and next, the inflation target is expected to be achieved.

What has been going on has not been just a domestically-driven economic story. International investors have been seeking value in bond markets and chasing those that have tended to yield above-average returns. At various times, Italy, Spain and Sweden have been the flavour of the month. The UK has, somewhat belatedly, joined in the spread-narrowing that has been a feature of the high-yielders so far this year.

Perhaps surprisingly, political risk has not been a deterrent to overseas investors. There are a variety of explanations. Kenneth Clarke has given assurances that he will not go for the traditional pre-election tax or interest-rate cuts. Although a small pinch of salt may be required, a "scorched earth" policy is not on the cards. The Labour Party is not the threat it once was. And with John Major indicating his intention to run the full term, a general election may still be almost a year away.

It may seem churlish, when much seems to be going right, to identify what could go wrong. However, two issues loom and have the potential to spoil the party at some stage.

The first is the UK's economic performance. There are clear signs that activity is picking up again. Witness growth in narrow money, consumer credit, house prices and earnings. To talk of a return of the "feel-good" factor may be to overstate the case, but stronger growth in consumers' expenditure is on the cards.

What that means is that towards the end of this year, and going into next, growth in the economy is more likely to be above trend than below and there will be (modest) upward pressure on inflation and even more pressure to raise interest rates. However prudent Mr Clarke is likely to be, to expect him to raise interest rates before a general election is to expect too much.

Strong growth, rising house prices and expectations of slightly higher inflation may be good for a Government looking to get re-elected, but are bad news for the gilt market, and monetary policy could effectively be on hold at a crucial time in the economic cycle. Whoever wins the next general election is probably going to have to put interest rates up — and the longer the delay, the higher they will eventually need to go.

The other issue is the general election itself — far enough away to be ignored to a large degree at the moment, but getting closer by the day. Come autumn, the political temperature at Westminster will have soared and every shift in the opinion polls will make headlines. The gilt market has a history of reacting to elections surprisingly close to the event. It may be different this time, but not completely different. Some risk is bound to be factored into gilt prices.

JOHN SHEPPERD AND NIGEL RICHARDSON

Coalfield job creator helped 130,000

BY OUR CITY STAFF

THE job-creation arm of British Coal helped more than 130,000 people to find work in areas hit by the decline of the mining industry over the past 12 years, its final annual report shows today.

More than 60,000 redundant miners found a new job because of British Coal Enterprise, which has built a number of industrial and office units in mining towns and villages to attract new businesses. Almost 55,000 jobs were created by the company's business-funding arm, which gave loans, and another 16,000 jobs came from the industrial and office units.

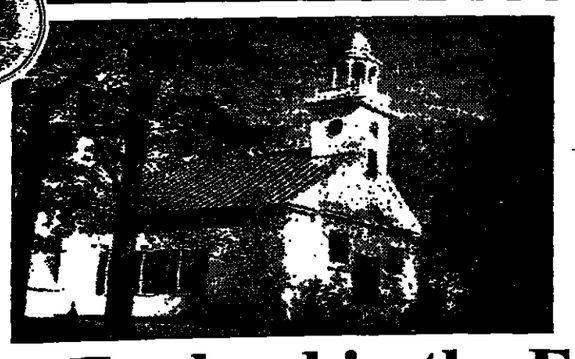
Philip Andrew, chief executive, said: "We have made a real and lasting contribution to the long-term regeneration of Britain's coalfield areas."

The organisation was formed in 1984, at the time of the year-long miners' strike, with the aim of creating 100,000 jobs in ten years.

It invested £101 million in more than 5,300 job-creating projects, which, in turn, attracted a further £730 million from other sources, including banks.

BCE's business-funding and external outplacement divisions have now been sold to management buyouts and the sale of its workspace activity is imminent.

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Purchase offer for Compagnie Financière Ottomane by VALEURS ET RENDEMENTS SA

The Luxembourg Stock Exchange authorities, have been advised that VALEURS ET RENDEMENTS SA, a luxembourg registered company, is launching its public offer, guaranteed by Compagnie Financière de Paribas and to be implemented by a guaranteed price (OPA), to purchase 100% of the shares of Compagnie Financière Ottomane (CFO, a Luxembourg registered company), 50.1% being held by the public and the balance by companies within Groupe Paribas. This offer is made at a price of FRF 350 per share, FRF 402,660 per Founders' share and FRF 40,266 per 1/10th of a Founders' share. Shares can be presented by the shareholders of CFO from 8 July to 2 August 1996 inclusive:

a) on the Stock Exchanges of London, Luxembourg and Paris through an intermediary. On the Paris Stock Exchange, sale expenses will be borne by the buyer in accordance with the scale given in the information memorandum.

b) if bearer ordinary shares, Founders' shares and 1/10ths of Founders' shares:

- in London, to Barclays Bank, 8 Angel Court, Throgmorton Street, London EC2R 7HT;
- in Luxembourg, to Banque Paribas, 10A Boulevard Royal, L-2093 Luxembourg;

in Paris, bearer shares should be sold on the market through an intermediary.

c) as regards registered shares:

- in London, to Independent Registrars Group, Bourne House, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, Kent, BR3 4TU;
- in Luxembourg, to Banque Paribas Luxembourg, 10A Boulevard Royal, L-2093 Luxembourg;

in Paris, the shares should be sold through an account holding intermediary after having been registered with Sicovam.

Settlement will be made in Sterling in London and French Francs in Luxembourg.

This offer to purchase follows the sale by CFO of its sole operational activity, Osmanli Bankasi, to the Garanti Bankasi Group on 25 June 1996. CFO now holds only a portfolio of liquid assets, trade investments and a building in Paris.

The price offered by VALEURS ET RENDEMENTS SA for the shares is 40% higher than the weighted average price on the daily market at the Paris stock exchange during the three months preceding announcement of this operation in May last. It is 17% above the market price on the day preceding this announcement. For Founders' shares and 1/10ths of Founders' shares, the price proposed is 205% higher than the weighted average on the unquoted market of the Paris stock exchange during the 12 months preceding the announcement. The offer represents 97% of the revalued net assets of the company as at 31 May 1996 which total FRF 360 per share.

The board of directors of CFO, having considered the offer and possible alternative courses of action, concluded that on balance and in all the circumstances, it would be in the interests of shareholders to accept the price proposed of FRF 350 per share. Only the independent directors took part in this vote. Furthermore, Salustro Reydel and Robson Rhodes, appointed as independent experts, have concluded that they have no comment on the price offered to shareholders.

An information memorandum is available:

- in Paris at Banque Paribas, 3 rue d'Antin, 75002 Paris;
- in Luxembourg at Banque Paribas Luxembourg, 10A Boulevard Royal, L-2093 Luxembourg;
- in London at Ottoman Financial Services, King William House, 2A Eastcheap, London EC3M 1AA, at Barclays Bank and Independent Registrars Group.

Liquidators attacked over BCCI payouts

BY ROBERT MILLER

LIQUIDATORS of the collapsed Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI), which crashed five years ago with debts of $10 billion, have been criticised for failing to pay out compensation.

Keith Vaz, the MP for Leicester East who has campaigned on behalf of depositors and former BCCI employees, said he was calling on John Major to intervene personally to secure a speedy settlement for creditors.

Speaking on the anniversary of the bank's failure, Mr Vaz said the crash of BCCI had generated fees worth some $285.6 million up to January this year for Deloitte & Touche, the bank's liquidator, and Lovell White and Durant, its lawyer. A spokesman for Deloitte & Touche declined to comment.

The Labour MP added that the principle shareholder in BCCI, the Sheikh of Abu Dhabi, had earlier this year paid the liquidators compensation of $1.55 billion as part of a total package that will top $1.8 billion.

There are 250,000 BCCI creditors worldwide, 38,000 of whom are based in the UK. The Deposit Protection Scheme, administered by the Bank of England, has paid out £78 million in compensation to 16,000 depositors. The Bank initially identified 53,000 sterling accounts, but only 40,000 left contact addresses, and in the end only 16,000 claimed.

The BCCI collapse also sparked the largest investigation and prosecution file yet undertaken by the Serious Fraud Office.

The investigation has so far resulted in four convictions, including that of Syed Ziauddin Ali Akbar, head of the bank's overseas treasury division, who was extradited from France and sentenced to six years in prison in September 1993. He pleaded guilty to 16 specimen charges of false accounting totalling $740 million between 1982 and 1986.

In September, the SFO will bring another BCCI-related case to court against Abbas Gokal, chairman of the Gulf Group, over allegations of fraud and false accounting. One charge mentions $1.2 billion, the largest single sum ever used in an indictment against an individual.



Vaz: plea to John Major

Pressure eased in gas battle

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

BRITISH GAS has delayed invoking part of the Gas Act to free it from price controls in a move that may ease tension between the company and the regulator over pricing plans for TransCo, the pipelines operation.

TransCo had asked for a price-control disapplication from July 1 next year to put pressure on Clare Spottiswoode, the regulator, to announce her controls. Present price controls expire next April and the disapplication plea meant that if no revised price formula were agreed by then, the business would be free to trade unregulated. The timeframe allowed for the regulator to make proposals, and have a month's consultation with the company, and then for the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to judge the issue.

However, TransCo has now put back the disapplication date after Ofgas said that it may need more time. It has been set for September 6.

Ofgas has already delayed by three weeks unveiling final proposals for TransCo after initial ones angered the company. The latest date the industry is thought to be working towards is July 23, but the disapplication date gives Ofgas breathing space into August.



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JAMES MORGAN

Dean Miles, front, of Retail Broadcast Services, and Tim O'Neill at the launch of *Gfm*

Granada's motorway radio link goes on air

BY JON ASHWORTH

GRANADA has launched *Gfm*, its own digital satellite radio station, as part of a revamp of UK motorway service stations. The service, beamed to 39 sites from central London, provides Capital Radio-style news and music to an annual audience of more than 100 million.

The station went "live" last week, bringing 24-hour news, music and product information to Granada forecourts and cafeterias. About 274,000 people pass through Granada service stations each day.

Tim O'Neill, marketing director of Granada Hospitality, said: "We were looking for something different to communicate more effectively with customers and add value to our service stations. The overall environment of our service stations has improved, with CD-quality music, and news and information."

Gfm is run by Retail Broadcast Services (RBS), which provides a similar service to store groups such as Texas and BhS. Granada's listeners benefit from AA Roadwatch bulletins tailored to a particular stretch of motorway, while DJs draw attention to particular Granada products on sale. An additional screen-based service carries news updates and product information. The station's format changes through the day.

Granada Hospitality has spent about £250,000 upgrading speaker systems at its sites. Much of the work has been devoted to a showpiece service station on the M6 at Stafford, opened in April, at a cost of £19 million.

Society chief waives bonus

BY ANNE ASHWORTH

BRIAN DAVIS, chief executive of Nationwide Building Society, the second largest, saw his pay rise from £286,000 to £337,000 in the year to April.

His salary included an annual bonus of £39,000 and a medium-term bonus of £73,000. However, Dr Davis chose to waive total bonuses of £45,000, a decision he also took in 1995 when he waived bonuses of £68,000.

Dr Davis took over the top job in July 1994, which means that his earnings for that year included only nine months' pay as chief executive.

In February the Nationwide, which is pledged to retain its mutual status, launched a mutuality reward package, returning £200 million in profits to savers and borrowers.

ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT MARKET

Eight new issues

IT MAY be a fraction of the size of the Stock Exchange, but, last week, the Alternative Investment Market outpaced the main exchange by attracting eight new issues to the latter's five.

AFA Systems, which floated on Wednesday at 120p, showed that a company whose sales date back only four months can still win the confidence of AIM investors, encouraged by the record of its management. It ended the week at 136p. Other trading was relatively quiet, says Julian Palfreyman, a trader at Winterflood Securities. As the financial half-year approaches, fund managers are traditionally more reluctant to spend to keep within the limits of the balance book.

This week is likely to keep up the momentum of new issues. Podrum, a foods company, is being placed at 3p today, which will make the shares the cheapest on the market. Drings, a Bath stonemason, floated at 3p on Friday and achieved a premium of 1p. Traders expect Podrum to follow suit.

Cirqual, the aluminium and thermoplastics group which floats today at 122p, has more than one reason to be grateful for the £5.8 million it is raising. By pushing the stake of its largest shareholder to below 50 per cent, the group has satisfied the criteria which allow investors to claim tax relief on capital gains made on its shares. This puts Cirqual on a different level of liquidity, attracting more private investors and catching the attention of the venture capital trusts.

FRASER NELSON

1996 High	Low	Mkt cap (million)		Price pence	Wkly +/–	Yld %	P/E
136	132	13.60	AFA Systems	136	...	...	...
134	109	16.70	AMCO Corp	117	+ 3	5.3	16.4
58	18	2.48	Abacus Recruit	45	...	...	...
161	115	26.70	Active Imaging	146	– 7	...	...
210	123	31.00	A de Grochy	210	...	3.6	...
20¼	7¼	15.70	African Gold	15¼	– ¼	.	34.1
21½	13	7.06	Albemarale & Bd	19	...	...	...
24	15	7.87	Alpha Omikron	15	– 1	...	...
470	380	45.00	Ann St Brewery	470	+ 15	4.9	12.7
965	885	5.72	Ann St Cv Pf	965	+ 5	8.4	...
121	73	51.90	Antonov	73	– 2	...	...
9	8	1.89	Arion Props	8	...	...	...
141	68	22.50	Ask Central	140	– 1	...	...
63	55	1.14	Athelney Trust	63	...	...	...
6½	5½	7.72	Ballynatray	6	...	...	44.1
26	17	5.90	Barts Hldgs	23	– 1	...	...
46	43	4.12	Belcanto	46	+ 3	...	...
150	140	0.99	Bowness Leis	145	...	3.9	7.1
70	70		Bown Leis Cv Pf	70	...	...	...
70	50	9.15	Brancote Hldgs	53	– 7	...	...
503	240	54.70	Brockbank	463	...	2.0	...
124	116	12.50	CA Caulfis Hldgs	118	...	...	...
120	116	0.94	CCI Hldgs	118	...	...	6.5
110	110	0.13	CCI Founder Shs	110	...	...	...
213	95	5.23	Cafe Inns	183	– 2	1.6	15.1
75	55	7.39	Caledonian Tst	65	...	..	7.9
3½	2	3.00	Capital & Wstn	3¼	– ¼	...	...
96	68	13.00	Cardcast	80	– 1	0.8	17.4
83	58	16.00	Card Clear	71	+ 8	...	...
108	93	11.50	Carisbrooke Ship	93	– 7	...	8.1
72	60	3.39	Cassidy Bros	62	..	6.3	...
48	41	2.09	Cavendish W F	48	..	3.9	...
18	16	5.28	Celebrated Group	18	...	...	...
£325	6550	63.70	Celtic	£245	+2000	..	...
£275	6450		Celtic Pf Shs	£195	+2000	..	...
124	109	15.80	Cl Comms(TV)	117	– 2	2.8	...
86	61	7.57	Charlwelf Intl	71	+ 6	...	...
100	53	107.50	Chelsea Village	90	+ 22	..	...
185	183	19.90	Circle Comms	183	...	..	...
110	110	0.99	Clan Homes	110	...	..	...
33	28	13.90	ClubPartners	33	...	..	...
510	510	12.20	Conn de Prt Fin	510	...	..	...
18	15	8.47	Concurrent Tech	18	..	..	.
100	100	0.25	Conc Tech A Pri	100	...	..	...
100	100	0.20	Conc Tech B Pri	100	...	..	...
125	125	0.84	Conc Tech Rd Pf	125	...	..	...
225	225	0.17	Conc Tech Cv Pf	225	...	..	...
44	37	8.76	Conister Tst	40	..	5.0	10.0
86	58	15.70	Country Gdns	85	..	2.0	16.4
83	68	2.49	Cntry Gdns Pf	68	...	9.8	..
109	57	25.90	Creos Intl	72	..	..	...
63	53	23.70	Crown Products	53	...	..	...
377	152	27.10	CRS Management	377	+ 17½	4.0	..
36	32		Dalkeith Inns	32	...	..	...
75	63	3.41	David Glass	63	– 1	5.7	...
1700	860	76.60	Dawson Hldgs	1675	+ 10	2.4	14.7
17	11	4.38	Dean Corp	15	...	1.7	...
375	305	33.60	Dicom	327	+ 4	.	75.5
76	60	14.30	Dmatek	76	..	..	...
4	4	3.07	Drings of Bath	4	...	..	...
137	70	10.70	Easynet	75	...	..	...
200	100	71.10	Electrophoretics	110	– 7	..	..
81	36	41.50	Emtech	48	..	..	...
116	73	18.60	Epic Multimedia	80	+ 4	..	...
125	120	5.62	Euro Sales Fn	125	...	..	...
475	325		Farfake	475	+ 10	..	...
138	111	45.70	Fibernet	123	+ 12	..	...
65	61	3.05	Fieldens	61	– 2	..	...
260	75	6.13	Finl Publs	260	...	..	...
188	45	16.40	Firecrest	70	.	..	...
183	175	36.10	First Intor	178	...	..	...
245	188	6.15	Flomerics	240	– 5	1.4	...
343	253	7.05	Floral St	303	...	0.4	13.8
193	136	16.40	Formscan	156	– 2	1.6	20.3
35½	14	102.70	Freepages	28	– 1½	...	...
143	93	8.28	Furlong Homes	138	...	2.3	...
11	8¼	30.40	Gander Hldgs	10½	.	...	75.7
21	17	27.20	Gold Mines Sardina	21	+ 3	..	...
12	8	6.43	Gold Mines Sard Wts	12	+ 3	.	...
22	15	4.50	Greenhills	15	..	.	.
150	145	33.10	Guilton	148	..	3.4	..
41	18	1.83	Hansom	18	– 3	...	..
65	50	1.38	Hercules Prop	55	...	...	..
275	155	6.37	Heavitree	275	+ 68¾	2.6	17.0
255	180	11.10	Heavitree A	255	+ 48¾	2.8	15.7
138	120	59.00	Hiscox	130	...	2.4	.
80	65	0.76	Hurlingham	66	– 5	...	.
297	255	38.80	IES	255	– 9½	0.3	.
280	240	4.95	IES Warrants	240	– 10	..	.
98	65	19.90	Ind Brit Health†	78	...	...	..
134	105	12.70	Indpt Radio	127	– 5	..	...
88	78	13.10	Inner Workings	78	– 7	...	..
88	80	18.10	Intelligent Enviro	81	– 4	...	...
523	503	22.00	Intl Greetings	523	.	1.2	..
160	108	36.20	IOC Intl	148	+ 5	...	...
103	83	4.12	Jastrin	101	+ 13	...	...
320	280	23.20	Jennings Bros	315	– 5	2.5	22.6
5½	3½	5.67	Jurd Group	4½	–	...	...

1996 High	Low	Mkt cap (million)		Price pence	Wkly +/–	Yld %	P/E
3	2	0.35	Just Group Wrts	2	...	...	...
125	103	40.10	KS Biomedix	106	...	...	...
160	151	50.60	La Senza	151	– 2	...	...
180	137	26.20	Lancashire En	145	...	3.4	11.7
300	210	15.20	Lawrence	250	– 10	0.8	...
3750	2550	69.30	Lawrie Group	3550	+300	2.5	...
290	255	47.30	Le Riches Strs	285	+ 6½	7.0	...
95	85		London Asia Pc	85	...	...	...
6¾	2	46.00	Lon Fiduciary	4¾	+ ½	...	...
70	55	1.38	London Town	55	...	...	...
360	200	17.70	Lorien Grp	310	– 20	1.5	24.5
25	15	10.60	Marx & O'seas	18	...	2.3	24.4
135	108	13.00	Marina & Marc S	108	– 5	...	...
125	110	2.51	Matrix Hithcare	110	...	...	...
117	92	47.40	Megalomedia	103	...	...	...
99	79		Megalomedia Wts	89	...	...	...
113	86	6.96	Mellek	110	...	2.8	...
475	75	45.60	Memory Corp	77	...	...	...
22	18	5.17	Metrodome Films	18	...	...	...
235	156	15.60	Moorepay	205	...	2.7	21.0
200	67½	7.80	Mountcashel	103	...	...	21.5
203	150	29.70	Mulberry Group	150	– 5	...	...
89	67	19.90	MultiMedia	69	– 3	...	...
18	18	1.32	NECA	18	...	...	...
340	285	21.60	NWF Grp	288	...	2.8	13.9
210	175	13.70	Nash (Wm)	195	...	4.3	...
360	335	9.11	Neill Clerk	360	...	2.1	17.5
470	200	12.20	Neilson Cobbold	445	...	1.5	22.2
86	65		Norcity II	86	+ 11	...	...
73	63		Norhomes	63	...	...	...
76	53	6.07	Nthn Petlm	53	...	...	...
8	8	0.13	Nthn Petlm Wrts	8	...	...	...
70	53		Nthmb Res Prpc	60	...	...	...
116	111	17.90	Nursing Home	116	...	1.3	33.0
154	90	16.20	Old English Pub	132	...	0.9	...
136	84	7.09	Omnicare	115	...	0.5	...
75	51	13.80	Omnimedia	56	– 4	...	...
123	66	23.90	Optical Care	103	– 7	...	...
3¼	1	32.70	Pacific Media	2½	...	...	...
263	43		Pacific Med Pl	235	...	...	...
109	17¼	32.90	Pan Andean Res	80	– 3	...	...
200	180	4.78	Park Ests(Liv)	200	...	3.1	...
445	365	95.40	Pet City	393	– 20	...	...
184	125	28.40	Polymasc Pharms	142	– 2	...	...
565	400	6.96	Preston Nth E	540	...	...	...
105	103	16.50	Primary Hlth Pr	103	...	...	...
305	180	35.80	Prism Rail	275	– 20	...	...
67	32	5.66	Raphael Zm	63	+ 3	2.5	39.5
111	43	6.96	Reltec	101	+ 11	...	...
6	4¾	1.29	Revelation Pic	6	...	...	...
18	16	11.90	Riceman Insce	18	...	...	...
98	63	4.55	Romtec	88	– 3	...	...
4½	3½	3.60	Rushmere Wynne	4	...	...	...
1¾	0¾	0.14	Rush Wyn Wrts	1½	...	...	...
126	31	3.19	SCS Satellite	31	...	...	...
75	71	16.50	SEA Multimedia	73	...	...	...
31	20	2.16	Scotswood Inds	31	+ ½	4.0	29.3
39	23	4.91	Scott Pickford	39	+ 2	2.9	26.8
68	28		Scott Pride	46	– 5	...	...
320	270	14.60	Scrutions	305	...	5.3	...
60	30	2.39	Self Sealing	41	– 2	...	...
3	2		Silkbarn	2	...	...	...
172	164	20.90	Sinclair Montrs	172	+ 5	...	...
5	3½	7.64	Sira Bus Serv	4	...	...	...
1½	1½	0.29	Sira Bus Wrts	1½	...	...	...
91	88	5.69	Solid State Sp	91	+ 1	...	...
595	524	125.90	Southern News	534	– 6	3.7	14.0
68	50		Southern Vectis	68	...	...	...
615	255	77.70	Stanford Rook	423	– 25	...	...
171	75	11.10	Stenlor	158	+ 13	...	...
315	122	28.20	Surrey Fr Inns	280	– 5	0.9	32.9
136	115	15.40	Syst Integ Rsch	115	– 1	...	...
915	545	29.40	TRACKER Netwk	555	– 80	...	...
185	125	33.40	Tradepoint Fcl	155	+ 20	...	...
55	38	5.15	Tele Cred Eur	51	...	...	...
43	25		Tele Cred Wrts	38	...	...	...
138	108	18.00	Theo Fennell	111	– 9	...	...
116	99	17.00	Toad	101	+ 1	...	...
56	43	3.10	Tom Hoskins	55	...	...	...
180	165	5.03	Trinity Care	165	...	3.6	10.0
170	165		Trinity Care Pf	170	...	...	..
74	46	337.90	Trocadero	68	+ 2	...	...
42	40	3.83	Univent	42	...	...	..
458	383	6.82	Utd Auctions	383	– 5	1.3	...
201¼	147¼	18.30	VDC	177	...	3.4	12.9
18½	13½	48.90	Versailles Grp	18½	...	1.3	...
650	130	15.40	Viewinn	515	– 40	...	...
428	232		Voss	290	...	...	...
15	7		Wedderburn Secs	11½	– ½	...	...
5	3		Wedd Secs Wrnts	4	...	...	...
19	13	5.25	Western Selectn	15	...	...	55.3
6	5	0.31	Western Sel Wrt	5	...	...	...
31	26	3.16	Westmount Engy	30	...	...	48.5
95	91	3.84	Whitecross	93	...	...	...
163	150	23.80	Whittard Chelsea	150	– 6	...	...
75	46	6.98	W'chester M Mkt	69	+ 5	...	...
145	105		Wynnstay Props	105	– 10	5.4	14.8
300	171		ps on				

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

EU to cut fines on cartel whistle-blowers

THE European Commission is expected to adopt controversial new rules that will help it to uncover and investigate secret price-fixing and market-sharing cartels. According to Commission officials, the draft will give a company that informs the Commission of a cartel in which it took part partial exemption from the fine that it would otherwise incur. This is likely to be adopted on Wednesday.

The Commission can fine companies found guilty of running a cartel up to 10 per cent of their annual turnover. Karel Van Miert, the Competition Commissioner, has argued that without this whistle-blowing policy it would be very hard to dismantle cartels, which he sees as the most serious restriction of competition. Some of his colleagues have contested the policy, arguing that it will be too easy for a company to make huge profits for years from taking part in a cartel and then turn to the Commission for immunity. The proposal says that companies that give the Commission full details of an illegal cartel before the EU's competition watchdog is even aware of it can have their fine cut by at least 75 per cent.

Inward investment rises

A RECORD year of inward investment by foreign companies in Britain will be hailed tomorrow by Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade. Annual results for 1995-96 for the Government's Invest in Britain Bureau are expected to show almost 500 new projects during the year, up from 434 last time, creating or preserving some 110,000 jobs. Cars, electronics and telecommunications are among the key industries that have benefited. America again tops the list of investors, with about 40 per cent of the total, but the rest of Europe, especially Germany, and the Far East are catching up fast.

Upbeat fund managers

UK FUND managers have become more optimistic on the outlook for the equity market in London over the next 12 months, according to the monthly Merrill Lynch/Gallup survey, with buyers outnumbering sellers by 20 per cent. In the previous month's survey, sellers outnumbered buyers by 1 per cent. However, apart from US equities, they are even more optimistic on the outlook for other world equity markets. General retailers remains the most-liked sector within the UK equity market, with the balance of bulls minus bears being 11.8 per cent.

MCA growth hope

THE British economy is on a steadily improving upward course and the perceived view that the national "feel-good" factor is returning appears justified, the Management Consultancies Association (MCA) said. Its members logged a 5 per cent increase in revenues in the second quarter compared with the first. They had seen 3 per cent growth in the first quarter. Brian O'Rorke, MCA executive director, said that MCA members' earnings growth demonstrated that business is investing in its future to an encouraging degree, particularly in retailing and manufacturing.

70% pay rise at Hogg

BRIAN PERRY, chairman of Hogg Robinson, the business travel and financial services group, saw his total pay rise 70 per cent to £555,600 last year. His remuneration comprised a basic salary of £280,000, pension and other benefits worth £35,593 and bonus payments of £240,000, including a discretionary bonus of £100,000. Total emoluments paid to directors rose to £1.8 million from £1.24 million in the previous year, with bonuses totalling £662,000. Last year the company lifted profits to £26.3 million before tax and exceptional items from £17.4 million previously.

Wales gets £190m boost

WALES will receive £190 million from the European Union over the next three years to regenerate the economy and create jobs. The lion's share of the money — £178 million — is earmarked for south Wales. The sum represents a 13 per cent increase on the 1994-to-1996 allocation, and is expected to pump prime a further £600 million of investment from the private sector. Much of the finance is likely to be spent on revitalising former coal and steel communities in urban areas, and on stimulating self-sustaining community projects in rural Wales.

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Deadline looms for deal on 'roaring lion' studio

Crédit Lyonnais close to unveiling MGM buyer

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

MGM, the Hollywood film studio, is likely to be sold this week after a tense bidding round.

Industry sources believe that the new owner of the celebrated "big cat" studio will be one of three companies: Polygram, the Anglo-Dutch entertainment group; the Morgan Creek film company, or News Corporation, parent company of *The Times*. At one point, there were more than twice as many bidders.

The current owner, Crédit Lyonnais, the French bank, has set itself a July 14 deadline for an announcement of which of the bidders has succeeded.

Bank executives spent the weekend "clarifying" the bids. Their decision is likely to be announced simultaneously in New York, Los Angeles and Paris.

Crédit Lyonnais took control of MGM in 1992 after the studio's then owner, Giancarlo Parretti, of Italy, defaulted on his loans.

The bank has until next May to dispose of its controlling stake, but it wants to sell now after a boost to MGM's profile from a series of box office hits, such as *The Birdcage* and Pierce Brosnan's first James Bond film, *Goldeneye*.

The three leading bids are believed to hover around the $1.2 billion mark, well shy of the $2 billion that Crédit Lyonnais once hoped to achieve.

Price, however, will not be the only factor in the decision on who gets to buy a studio whose symbolic lion, roaring during the opening credits of many Hollywood classics, evokes the early romance of motion pictures.

MGM was, for years, the domain of the late Louis B. Mayer, who arrived in Los Angeles in 1916 and formed a film production company that eventually became Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. Mayer was a mercurial force, and his reliance on family-orientated, patriotic movies brought him success and power. His hits included the 1926 version of *Ben Hur*, *Dinner at Eight* and *Grand Hotel*.

Later owners of the studio included the Bronfmans, of Seagram's whisky fame, and Kirk Kerkorian, the Las Vegas casino entrepreneur, who sold assets and did little for the studio's artistic confidence. Signor Parretti was another vivid character, but, in recent times, MGM's movie-making prospered under the aegis of Frank Mancuso, and, in 1995, the studio grossed $333 million from 15 films, against $149 million from eight films in 1994.

Mr Mancuso, a veteran Hollywood figure, attempted to mount a management buyout, partly backed by General Electric's NBC television network. The Mancuso bid is thought to have failed.

Bidders have been attracted by MGM's long backlist of films, including the James Bond and Rocky series, and by the prospect of owning one of the best-known brand names in global entertainment. For the successful bidder will come the satisfaction not only of instant awe and recognition in Tinsel Town, but also of sitting against a backdrop of Hollywood's mightiest symbol, the roaring lion.

Lloyd's talks aim to win US backing for survival plan

BY JON ASHWORTH

LLOYD'S OF LONDON resumes talks with officials in America today, in the hope of striking an agreement before the Lloyd's annual meeting and securing US support for a £3.1 billion survival plan.

The talks take place as the results of a MORI poll is published in London, appearing to show support of more than 80 per cent of UK investors for the plan.

The 82 per cent majority likely to support the deal, vital for the future of Lloyd's, is the best figure since it was first outlined last autumn. In November, a similar poll by MORI showed only 54 per cent backing the proposals put forward by the ruling Council of Lloyd's. The figure rose to 65 per cent in December and 79 per cent in May. Up to 2,000 Lloyd's names are expected to attend proceedings, which come soon after the publication of results for the 1993 underwriting year.

Aggrieved US names have put pressure on state regulators to try to force an improved offer from Lloyd's. Opposition within America possibly poses the single biggest threat to the Lloyd's reconstruction and renewal (R&R) plan. But Lloyd's hopes to have resolved its American difficulties by the time members gather at the Royal Festival Hall in London on July 15.

This Friday, Lloyd's is expected to unveil a profit of up to £1.2 billion for the 1993 underwriting year — its first profit since a wave of catastrophes in the late 1980s began to take their toll. The profit will be the first since 1987.

Names attending the annual meeting on July 15 will have barely two hours in which to address the floor — in sharp contrast to past meetings, at which proceedings have continued for six hours or more. David Rowland, chairman of Lloyd's, will call a halt to proceedings soon after noon, clearing the way for an extraordinary general meeting.

Names will hear calls for further increases to the £3.1 billion settlement offer, which was revised from an initial £2.8 billion two months ago. During the afternoon, names will vote on plans for a refundable levy, aimed at raising £440 million towards the Lloyd's settlement.

Statements telling names how much they will have to pay will be sent out towards the end of the month. Names have until August 28 to indicate whether they are going to accept the offer.

Lloyd's has yet to decide what level of acceptances will be required to carry the day. Assuming success, names will have until the end of September to come up with the necessary funds.

Lloyd's received a boost last week, when the committee of the Association of Lloyd's Members (ALM), which represents about 9,000 names, indicated its support for R&R. Sir David Berriman, ALM chairman, commended the offer, and said that the future for those rejecting R&R was likely to be bleak.

☐ The latest round of auctions for capacity at Lloyd's begins today, with a slow start expected. Introduced last year, auctions take the form of sealed bids, allowing members to sell underwriting capacity to the highest bidder.



C T Bowring, the insurance firm based in the City, won the annual Mitel Telecom Challengers Trophy. The four-day event, which took place in Ashbourne, Derbyshire, attracted teams from 60 companies. The teams had to cover more than 70 km on foot, by mountain bike and by canoe, and are thought to have raised about £200,000 for charity.

Hoover to make big UK investment

BY CLARE STEWART

THE European arm of Hoover, the domestic appliances company, is ready to announce a major investment in the UK this week, together with the launch of a number of new products.

The move comes one year after the Hoover European Appliance Group was acquired from Maytag Corporation in the United States by Candy, the privately owned Italian appliance manufacturer.

Hoover's European base is at Merthyr Tydfil in Mid Glamorgan, where 1,000 people are employed in the headquarters and factory. It also has a floorcare factory in Cambuslang, Glasgow.

The details of the investment in the UK will be the first major changes since Candy took over the company.

At the time of the $170 million deal, Candy promised to develop the UK manufacturing facilities and to develop its links with Maytag, which retains the Hoover business in the US, in order to develop the product range.

Candy, which is based in Monza in Italy, is the fourth-largest manufacturer of white goods in Europe, and commands a 12 per cent share of the European market.

Spring Ram meeting investigated

BY JASON NISSÉ

SPRING Ram Corporation, the troubled kitchens and bathrooms group, may be forced to reconvene its annual meeting after complaints that the original meeting, held last month, was not conducted properly.

A small shareholder, Ian Pattison, of Halifax, West Yorkshire, has written to the Stock Exchange and the Department of Trade and Industry to complain that Roger Regan, Spring Ram's chairman, failed to take a vote properly in the meeting and acted undemocratically.

The Stock Exchange is investigating the complaints and the DTI has suggested that Mr Pattison may consider legal action against Spring Ram. The specific complaint by Mr Pattison is over the way Mr Regan handled the vote to appoint Philip Hanscombe as a non-executive director.

The vote was taken and, according to Mr Pattison, the motion was clearly defeated on a show of hands. Instead of then calling for a poll of shareholders, as is usual, Mr Regan asked Mr Hanscombe to give a speach to the AGM and for the vote to be taken again.

According to Mr Pattison, Mr Regan then asked shareholders to reconsider given the length of time it would take to have a poll and the fact this would delay lunch. The second show of hands showed a majority in favour of Mr Hanscombe.

Kathy Baxandall, Spring Ram's company secretary, denied that Mr Regan had asked for the vote to be taken again "in the interests of lunch", saying that the first vote was inconclusive.

Revenue to tell AIM firms their tax status

BY FRASER NELSON

CONFUSION over eligibility for capital gains tax relief, which has plagued the Alternative Investment Market since its inception, may be cleared in the next few months by an Inland Revenue scheme to make its tax regulations more investor-friendly.

After pressure from City firms, including Winterflood Securities, the AIM market-maker, the Inland Revenue has agreed to tell unlisted companies whether their shares qualify for the tax break before they come to the market.

At present, the Revenue will not decide whether a company is suitable for capital gains tax reinvestment relief until shareholders make their claim, having sold shares.

AIM market-makers were pushing for the complex regulations to be clarified, and for a definitive list of qualifying companies to be drawn up. However, the Revenue said that such a list would be price sensitive, and that its remit was to deal with investors individually. It added that, under the compromise, tax details would be sorted out with individual companies.

In spite of the common belief that the Alternative Investment Market is a tax haven, fewer than a third of its 183 companies qualify for reinvestment relief. To qualify, a company must own at least 75 per cent of its subsidiaries, and avoid having a "substantial amount" of business in financial services, licensing or property. However, a qualifying company that moves to a full listing keeps the special tax status, regardless of its further trading developments.

The Inland Revenue's new system of "advance clearance" is now in the final stages of development, and is expected to be activated before autumn.

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Ladbroke eyes Moscow

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

LADBROKE is leading the charge of Western hotel groups keen to participate in the £1 billion sell-off of Moscow's state-owned hotels.

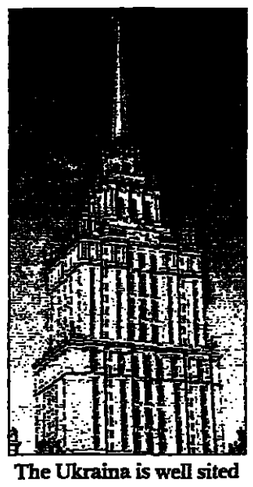
The city government of Moscow has appointed Knight Frank, the surveyor, as investment advisers to the sale of 200 hotels ranging in size from 100 to 3,200 rooms.

The star attractions are the National Hotel in Red Square, recently refurbished for $90 million, and the 1,000-room Ukraina, on the River Moskva, opposite the White House, Russia's parliament.

Moscow is an extremely attractive market to hotel groups with the boom in business travellers causing a chronic shortage in suitable accommodation. Upmarket hotels in Moscow are the most expensive in the world, commanding average room rates of $300 a night. Occupancy levels are 80 per cent.

John Inge, of Knight Frank, said: "The hotels are enormously attractive, including many famous names, and buyers are queuing up from around the world." Many, however, are in poor condition and will need significant investment to bring them up to Western standards.

Ladbroke has confirmed that it is interested in adding Moscow hotels to its Hilton portfolio. Other buyers considering purchases include ITT Sheraton and Marriott as well as private buyers from the Middle East and Asia Pacific — but not Sir Rocco Forte.



The Ukraina is well sited

WORD-WATCHING

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SEMIBOUSY

(a) Half drunk. Obsolete. The grandfather of *half-cut* and *semi-boozy*. "Som unlusty persons, that were not well awaked, or semibousy oer eve."

SMITHAM

(a) The finest particle of dust or ground malt. In mining, the finest part of lead ore, usually obtained by passing through a sieve, and afterwards ground to powder. A variant of *smeddum* meaning spirit or pith. "Your malt-dust which is the sprout, come, smitham, and other excrements of the malt."

SCHADON

(b) The larva of a bee. From Aristotle in the Greek *schadón*. "The weather keeping them [sc. bees] in, they can do nothing but breed and hatch their schadons."

SOCLE

(c) A low plain block or plinth serving as a pedestal to a statue, column, or vase, etc. Also a plain plinth forming a foundation for a wall. From the Latin *soculus* diminutive of *soccus* a sock. "A high round pedestal formed by the foaming sea-water, like the socle of a monument."

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FT 30 share
2743.9 (+14.2)
FT-SE 100
3743.2 (+32.2)
New York Dow Jones
5588.14 (-66.49)
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
22232.42 (-298.33)

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.06	1.92
Austria Sch	17.72	16.22
Belgium Fr	51.89	47.39
Canada $	2.225	2.065
Cyprus Cyp£	0.764	0.709
Denmark Kr	9.73	8.93
Finland Mkk	7.81	7.16
France Fr	8.44	7.79
Germany Dm	2.53	2.32
Greece Dr	388	363
Hong Kong $	12.70	11.70
Ireland Pt	1.03	0.95
Israel Shk	5.35	4.70
Italy Lira	2494	2339
Japan Yen	186.60	170.60
Malta	0.604	0.549
Netherlds Gld	2.817	2.587
New Zealand $	2.42	2.20
Norway Kr	10.68	9.88
Portugal Esc	255.00	236.50
S Africa Rd	7.36	6.66
Spain Pta	206.50	193.50
Sweden Kr	11.00	10.20
Switzerland Fr	2.09	1.91
Turkey Lira	132616	124616
USA $	1.655	1.525

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Travelling man meets with hitch

MICHAEL Hardern, chief building society carpetbagger, seems to lack luck. Having appealed, on the Internet, for money to let him attend building society AGMs, he has hardly made the most of his warchest. Bradford & Bingley's was a success — Hardern was there, busily collecting members for conversion. He did not, however, make it on time for the Leeds & Holbeck meeting — only for the canapés. It was similar at the Yorkshire's AGM, and his car would not start afterwards. Yorkshire staff were sympathetic enough to find jump leads.

JONATHAN Clare, managing director of Citigate Communications, is offering a case of champagne to any chief executive or finance director beating him in Wednesday's 3.5-mile Chase Corporate Challenge race — if a Citigate client. It may be hard. Clare runs often and aims to be one of the fastest "40-somethings".

Undies to Japan

JAPAN'S yen for top-quality British goods is spreading to ladies' underwear. The Knickerbox chain has opened two stores in Kobe, with 200 planned later. A spokeswoman says: "It's all down to display. They used to keep the stuff in cardboard boxes, but now there are window displays featuring lifesize photographs and cut-out models of Western girls wearing the latest that Britain has to offer."

A long goodbye

MYSTERY shopping is growing in financial services. Prospero Direct, direct-selling arm of Provincial Insurance, uses the method, whereby pretend clients ring staff to see how they handle the public, but Barrie Wells, Prospero managing director, was astonished when the chief executive of one of the UK's top brokers, boasted that his staff compete monthly to see how long they can detain an underwriter on Prospero's free-call line. The record holder hit 53 minutes.

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Move into engineering is only froth for Guinness

My goodness. Weekend "leaks" of imagineering at Lazard, the merchant bank, should bring a couple of stock market Lazaruses back to life for a while this week. Could lacklustre Guinness plc really bid the kitchen sink for lacklustre Grand Metropolitan and create a huge, tremendously exciting, high-growth drinks company from the parts? What a story, what a monopoly, what a multi-billion car-boot sale of forced disposals that would create.

Perhaps, instead, City plan B could be piped into fund managers' virtual reality headsets. From seemingly unexciting Guinness, untold value, which has unaccountably escaped the scrutiny of dozens of high-paid City analysts, could be released to shareholders. All you need do is to split the beer brewing interests from the spirit distilling interests in a trendy demerger.

No need even to write a new script for this one. Just load a tape, persuasively detailing all the supposed logic behind Guinness buying Distillers a decade ago, and run it backwards. Then add a special ingredient. You borrow vast sums of money and hand it straight over to shareholders as a special dividend. Brilliant, truly brilliant.

Among the heroic numbers for cost savings, profit rises and disposals suggested for a GrandMet bid, however, one stands out as more authentic than any other. City fees of about £66 million were pencilled in.

The board of the £9 billion drinks group is taking a rather spoilsport attitude to this City genius. "As with other large companies, Guinness routinely analyses possible developments in its industry," a statement explained, not entirely convincingly. "It regrets that documents relating to one such hypothetical possibility should have been subject to unauthorised publicity."

No, Guinness is not planning a hostile bid for GrandMet, the statement huffily claimed. No, it does not plan to demerge, hive off, sell or otherwise dispose of its trademark brewing interests.

Maybe not. But City interests will hope that something is up. Many fund managers are stuck with shares in both top-twenty companies and have seen them stagnate in money terms and sag badly against stock market indices since 1992. One analyst put this down to "extrapolation of historic zero growth/-declining profit trends". Collapse of stout party.

Over the long haul, spirits have been a wonderful international growth business for those with marketing skill and financial acumen. The £2.3 billion acquisition of Distillers engulfed Ernest Saunders,



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its author, but was the making of the modern Guinness. As marketing and commercial arrangements improved, profits bubbled ahead, making Guinness a market favourite during the UK recession.

International Distillers & Vintners, still the guts of Grand Metropolitan, is a gem, originally put together from the old Gilbey family gin business, built up through J&B Rare whisky and guided in early days by a different sort of merchant banker. It seems to bless those who buy it with the dust of creative marketing, in turn keeping Watney Mann and then GrandMet going through bad times.

Low world economic growth, low inflation, dollar weakness and global competition for an attractive market are making things tougher at the moment for the big spirits firms. But that is not the entire problem. Guinness has made some poor foreign beer acquisitions and GrandMet devoted most of its efforts, under Lord Sheppard of Didgemere, to a huge metamorphosis from one unappreciated assortment of interests to another.

Lord Sheppard usually managed to charm or bully the City into his way of thinking. Now that he has gone, the wretched ungrateful seek revenge. At Guinness, the internal politics are more pertinent. Bernard Arnault, the teleological French financier who controls Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton, has somehow ended up speaking for nearly a quarter of Guinness. Many believe that he wants some kind of deal to separate the Guinness spirits business, easing the way for him to gain control there, too, via further deals.

The sort of financial engineering exemplified by the Lazard paper is a common currency of merchant banks, corporate finance boutiques and even bits of accountancy firms. It has little to do with the conventional image of bids and deals that have some genuine business purpose, albeit most often the unspoken one of eliminating competition. Beyond the usual opportunity to destroy as many people's livelihoods as possible, this is little more than sleight of hand.

If Guinness is going through a bad patch, it is because its markets are dull, because currency movements are against it or because it is not managing its business well. Whichever is the case, splitting brewing from spirits, for instance, would do little to change that. Spirits may not need beer. But the Saunders argument, that the beer business needed financial clout to develop its potential in a slow-growing market, remains valid.

In America, in the 1980s, corporate raiders promoting leveraged takeovers and buyouts spun the illusion of creating extra value for shareholders. In reality, however, much of that extra value merely represented extra risk that the financial markets had not yet cottoned on to. Such exercises often fool enough of the people for enough time to make a fast buck.

Pure financial engineering is less credible at Guinness. Even the simple-minded can work out that merging and then demerging the same businesses is chiefly a scheme to keep up City fees. Sadly, even the most obliging auditor would not allow the Guinness board to do nothing at all and book savings of £66 million for its shareholders.

Carl Mortished examines the community problems that oil companies face in Nigeria

No longer in glorious isolation

In a village deep in the mangrove swamps of the Niger Delta, the people of Omadino gathered in their community hall last week to meet prestigious visitors. Welcoming gifts of Coca-Cola and Nigerian beer were carefully arranged on a table, and the village elders, dressed in traditional robes and feathered bowler hats, seated themselves in a row at the head of the room. Women respectfully lined up on the left-hand side of the spartan building, windowless but open to the air, while the younger, more boisterous men occupied the benches to the right.

The formal welcoming party might have been little different had the guest been the district commissioner of a century ago. No road links Omadino to the outside world and the villagers still eke out a living fishing from dugout canoes in the creeks of the swamp. But, unlike their colonial predecessors, last week's guests from the Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria (SPDC) drew little pleasure from their role as local bosses and benefactors.

Looking hot and uncomfortable in oil rig overalls, Steve Ollerearnshaw, Shell's general manager for the Western Division, and his colleagues listened to a stinging rebuke of the oil company, delivered with great formality and eloquence by Napoleon Agbedetse, an English-trained barrister who was born in Omadino and returned to lead the village Task Force in negotiating with the oil companies. He said Shell had done damage to their fishing and accused it of operating unfair employment policies. He accused Shell of pocketing the benefits of oil exploration while being careless about the burden. "To them, [Shell] it is a matter of 'we are OK, Jack'," he said.

The meeting in Omadino provides a snapshot of everything that has gone wrong for Shell in Nigeria and everything that is going wrong for the inhabitants of the Delta region. Claims that oil companies are wrecking the environment are largely spurious, but they provide a platform and rallying cry for people who are desperately poor and have been neglected by a series of corrupt and ineffectual governments.

To a traveller in the Delta region, the recent television reports of environmental devastation and an inferno of gas flares, seem laughable. More flaring occurs in Nigeria than anywhere else in the world, due to the high gas content of the oil reservoirs and the lack of an energy market in a country where manufacturing industry is operating at about a quarter of capacity. The flaring is a shocking waste of energy resources and contributes to greenhouse gases, but,



Shell has become the target of a multitude of grievances and its production facilities have been the object of protests

spread over the 70,000 square kilometres of the oil-producing region, it is barely noticeable unless you are in the immediate vicinity of a flow-station.

The Niger Delta is suffering severe environmental damage, but the problem has more to do with people than oil rigs. The effect is most noticeable in Ogoni, the area abandoned by Shell in 1993 after attacks on staff, where the need for agricultural land by small farmers is causing deforestation. Population pressure has led to communities springing up around once remote oil installations — in the past farmers would sometimes use the heat from burning gas to dry cassava by laying the crop on the sand banks that surround the flare.

The explosive growth of the population has placed the oil industry in an environment previously unknown to it. Batom Mitee is a representative of the Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People (MOSOP) and brother of Ledum Mitee, the Ogoni leader who was acquitted in the court that convicted and ordered the execution of Ken Saro-Wiwa, the activist who was executed by the Nigerian Government last year. Mr Mitee said that the Ogoni region has the highest population density in the Delta.

"Farmers are struggling for land space with oil exploration," he said, and confirmed that Shell has become the target of a multitude of grievances. "They do not see the Government, they see Shell. They want Shell to show some concern."

Belatedly, Shell is showing concern by bumping up the amount it spends on community projects, such as school blocks, health clinics and youth training schemes. Its community assistance budget has been increased by 50 per cent this year to £30 million but the company knows that it cannot fill the gap caused by the absentee Government in Lagos. More worrying is the imminent prospect of a funding crisis: Shell's partner, NNPC, the state oil company which owns 55 per cent of the SPDC joint venture, is strapped for cash and has imposed a 30 per cent reduction in SPDC's budget, raising the prospect of sharply declining oil production, falling revenues and, inevitably, less community assistance. Unless the budget is increased, Mr Ollerearnshaw said: "It will have dire consequences for Shell, the communities and the Government."

Back in Omadino, the general manager of the Western Division apologised to the villagers for the delay in providing a health clinic and promised it would finally be built this year. "Your community is very important to us," he said. "But we are an oil company, we are not government. The things we are doing are the responsibility of government."

Unfortunately for Shell, the distinction is academic to the young people of the Delta. About half of the population is under 20 years of age. Faced with no hope of a job, young Nigerian men are also losing respect for traditional leaders, the tribal chiefs. The problem is acute in Ogoni and hampering efforts by Shell to secure a consensus between MOSOP and moderate Ogonis over the conditions under which it might resume operations in Ogoni Land. Ogoni chiefs, such as Ignatius Kogbara, blame MOSOP and its youth organisation for causing the violence that led to the murders of moderate Ogoni leaders.

Mr Ollerearnshaw can be thankful of the moderating influence of Mr Agbedetse who fights his battles with words. As the Shell delegation prepared to leave, a younger man shouted and pointed to the crumbling mud walls of the houses: "Look at the buildings. This is a community that produces 20,000 barrels per day for Shell. What happened in Ogoni will happen here."

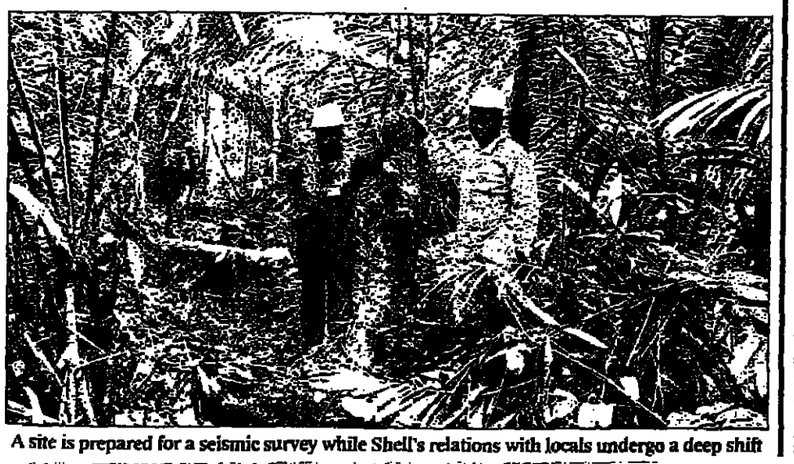
Things are happening. Only the previous week, Shell's Searex-6 oil rig located nearby was invaded by 60 people from another community armed with machetes. The rig was closed down for 50 hours while the contractor negotiated, eventually agreeing to build a town hall for them and employ eight people. The two-day shutdown alone cost the contractor some $60,000.

Shell points to a declining record of community incidents and oil spills. A programme of replacement and burial of flow lines will eliminate leaks due to erosion although the company blames sabotage for most of the damage. Last year, the company says, more than 80 per cent of the 464 tonnes of oil lost was due to sabotage by communities seeking compensation payments.

Community politics is a new game for oil companies, typically used to working in the glorious isolation of deserts and oceans. Brian Anderson, managing director of SPDC, was born in Nigeria. He is determined to improve Shell's record, and has risked confrontation with the Government in order to avoid it on the ground, preferring to shut down production during the 1994 strike rather than risk violence between police and strikers. "The party that lost most was us. At the time it damaged relations with the Government."

Whether Shell and other oil companies have thought out the full political implications is unclear. Shell's business principles clearly state that the company will not involve itself in local politics, but in its increasing willingness to fill the gap left by government, it is potentially taking on a role of limitless proportions and huge political risks with a youthful and agitated population. Egbert Imomoh, general manager for Shell's Eastern Division, which includes Ogoni, said the young people wanted recognition, but he pointed out that dialogue may not be enough: "The youth has been sitting in the village and he is looking for a job. We can talk to him until the cows come home, but he is still looking for a job."

Precious Omuku, the Shell executive in charge of community relations in the Eastern Division, was initially unenthusiastic about taking on the job and leaving the field of exploration, the glamour side of the oil business. However, he said his boss put it succinctly: "If we do not get the community relations right, there will be no more exploration."



A site is prepared for a seismic survey while Shell's relations with locals undergo a deep shift



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RADIO CHOICE

The day it all happened

On This Day. *Radio 4 (LW). 10.15 am*

Evidently, what's good enough for *The Times* is good enough for the BBC. For its new series beginning today, Radio 4 adopts the title this newspaper long ago affixed to its daily reminder of what happened years ago. The BBC's *On This Day* kicks off with July 8 1946. Stern stuff, mostly: Professor Joad's tirade against America's atomic bomb tests ("put the scientists in a bag, tie 'em up, keep them there"); 5,000 Jews in a London protest march against the Government's policy on emigration to Palestine. Light relief, too: how to knit a pair of knickers. No mention, though, of Oxford undergrad Margaret Robert's taking her first steps on the road to 10 Downing Street.

Everybody Comes to Schicklgruber's. *Radio 4. 7.45 pm.*

In Marcy Kahan's delirious comedy, nothing can be ruled out as improbable, not even the thought of Hitler stopping the Second World War so that he could negotiate with the French Resistance for the release of his half-brother, an apfelstrudel fanatic. There is another kind of obsession in the play, no less manic than that of Edward Schicklgruber, whose patisserie was the stuff of legend in 1930s Vienna. A minor film-maker (the estimable and versatile Kerry Shale) is besotted with the idea of making a documentary about the strudel genius. The fact that apfelstrudel is the only noteworthy thing about Edward Schicklgruber (Clive Swift) is lost on him. Hilariously lost.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 6.30am Mark Radcliffe, incl Newsbeat **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa I'Anson **2.00pm** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, incl Newsbeat **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** John Peel's Classic Radio 1 Sessions (3/8) **10.00** Mark Lamarr **12.00** Claire Sturgess **4.00am** Clive Warren

RADIO 2

FM Stereo 6.00 Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.00** John Dunn **7.00** Steve Wright at the Movies **7.30** Radio 2 Young Musician 1996 Final, live from the Queen Elizabeth Hall, London **8.30** Big Band Special **9.00** Humphrey Lyttelton **10.00** Jazz Score (4/8) **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Adrian Finighan **3.00** Steve Madden

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, incl **5.45** Wake Up to Money **6.00** The Breakfast Programme incl at **6.55, 7.55** racing preview **8.35** The Magazine, with Diana Madill, incl **10.35** News from Europe **11.30** Food News **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl **12.35pm** Moneycheck, with Katie Derham **2.05** Ruscoe on Five incl at **3.45** Entertainment News **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide incl at **5.45** Entertainment News **7.00** News Extra incl at **7.20** Sports Bulletin **7.35** Grand Prix Diary **8.05** Parkinson On Sport **9.05** Sportstrack **9.35** On the Job **10.05** News Talk, with Mike Baker **11.00** Night Extra **12.05am** The Other Side of Midnight **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **5.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Sports Zone **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST. 5.00am** Newsdesk **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** Newsday **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** Poems by Post **7.30** Andy Kershaw **8.00** News **8.15** Off the Shelf **8.30** Vintage Chart Show **9.00** News in German **9.15** Going for Gold **9.45** Music Through Stained Glass **10.00** News **10.05** Business **10.15** Anything Goes **10.45** Sport **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30** Omnibus **1.00** News in German **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Andy Kershaw **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** John Peel **4.00** News **4.05** Sport **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German **5.00** Europe Today **5.30** Business **5.45** Britain Today **6.00** News **6.10** World Today **6.25** Take Five **6.30** News in German **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Brain of Britain **8.00** Newshour **9.00** News **9.01** Outlook **9.25** Words of Faith **9.30** Multitrack **10.00** News **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** Living in the City **10.45** Moments **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** World Today **11.45** Sport **12.00** News **12.10am** Take Five **12.15** Record News **12.30** Multitrack **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** Global Concerns **1.45** Britain Today **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Outlook **2.55** Words of Faith **3.00** Newsday **3.30** Mandian **4.00** News **4.15** Sport **4.30** Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00 Mark Griffiths **6.00** Mike Read **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Newsnight **6.30** Sonata **7.00** Celebrity Choice (in **9.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Mel Cooper

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nicky Horne **7.00** Paul Coyte **(FM)** / Robin Banks **(AM) 10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00** Randal Lee Rose

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes Vivaldi (Violin Concerto in D, Op 11 No 1); Berwald (Quartet in E flat for piano and wind); Alan Bren (Reb Itzik's nign); Svendsen (Romeo and Juliet Fantasy); Torke (Bright Blue Music); Dallus (Violin Concerto)

9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini. Charpentier (Te Deum); Saint-Saëns (Romance in C, Op 48); Puccini (Se come voi piccina io fossi, Le Villi Act 1); Beethoven (Piano Sonata in G, Op 31 No 1)

10.00 Musical Encounters, with Chris Wines. *Artist of the week:* Sylvia McNair, soprano. Rachmaninov, arr Dubensky (Vocalise, Op 34 No 14) **10.10** Medtner (Russian Round Dance, Op 58 No 1; Knight Errant, Op 58 No 2); Elgar (Falstaff) **11.06** Beethoven (Incidental Music: Leonore Prohaska); Peter Philips (Ecce vicit Leo); Dering (Factum est silentium); Bartok (String Quartet No 6)

12.00 Composers of the Week: The English Madrigalists

1.00pm BBC Lunchtime Concert, from St John's, Smith Square, London. The Guarneri Trio: Ivan Klansky, piano, Cenek Pavlik, violin, and Marek Jerie, cello. Beethoven (Allegretto in B flat, WoO 39; Piano Trio in B flat, Op 97, Archduke)

2.00 The BBC Orchestras. BBC Symphony Orchestra under Andrew Davis. With Timothy Brown, horn. Tippett (A Birthday Suite for Prince Charles); Strauss (Horn Concerto No 1); Vaughan Williams (Symphony No 6)

3.10 Brindisi Quartet. Beethoven (String Quartet in F, Op 18 No 1); Shostakovich (String Quartet No 7); Purcell (Fantazias: in G minor, in F, in C minor); Bartok (String Quartet No 4)

4.30 Lester Leaps In. Russell Davies continues his exploration of the recording career of Lester Young, the great tenor saxophonist

5.00 The Music Machine, with Tommy Pearson

5.15 In Tune, with Jeremy Nicholas. Mendelssohn (Capriccio brillant in B minor), Mozart (Piano Sonata in C, K545), Reubke (Sonata in C minor on the 94th Psalm)

7.30 Cheltenham Festival 1996. Tasmin Little, violin, the BBC Philharmonic under Vassily Sinaisky. Lindberg (Arena), Sibelius (Violin Concerto); Rachmaninov (Symphony No 1 in D minor)

9.30 Art and the Human Condition. Martin Kemp talks to artists about how how the human figure and human experiences are portrayed through art. His first guest is the painter Marlene Dumas (1/5)

10.00 Ensemble. Benjamin Frith, piano. Clementi (Sonata in F sharp minor, Op 25 No 5), Weber (Sonata in A flat, Op 39)

10.45 Mixing It, with Mark Russell

11.30 Composer of the week: Franz Berwald (r)

12.30am Jazz Notes, with Digby Fairweather

1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only). **6.00** News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** The Awkward Squad. A new four-part series on Parliament's rebels. Presented by Times columnist Matthew Parris (1/4) **8.58** Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Soapbox, with Andrew Neil

10.00 News; With Great Pleasure (FM only). With guest Arthur Smith (5/6)

10.00 Daily Service (LW only)

10.15 On This Day (LW only). See Choice

10.30 Woman's Hour

10.50 Test Match Special: England v India (LW only). Day four of the Third Test at Trent Bridge

11.30 Money Box Live (FM only): **0171-580 4444**

12.00 News; You and Yours (FM only), with Chris Choi

12.25pm Brain of Britain 1996 (FM only). Chaired by Robert Robinson **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World At One, with Nick Clarke

1.40 The Archers (FM only) (r) **1.55** Shipping

1.40 Test Match Special (LW only)

2.00 News; Top Story (FM only), by Rod Dungate. The first of a four-part drama series about a West Midlands news agency

2.00 Test Match Special (LW only)

3.00 The Afternoon Shift (FM only)

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope (FM only)

4.45 Short Story: Bringing Home a Budgie for Mum (FM only), by Vincent McInerney. Read by Keith Drinkel

5.00 PM (FM only) **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather

5.55 Test Match Special (LW only)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (FM only)

6.30 I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue (FM only). The last in the series with Humphrey Lyttelton and guests (r)

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 The Food Programme, with Derek Cooper (r)

7.45 The Monday Play: Everybody Comes to Schicklgruber's. See Choice

9.15 Quintessentially Flummoxed Leonard Barras reads two more of his unlikely stories

9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59 Weather**

10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig.

10.45 Book at Bedtime: Paula, by Isabel Allende. Read by Patience Tomlinson (6/7)

11.00 Space Fictions (FM only). In the first of four programmes, Dr John Gribbin explores the fictional styles of contemporary writers (r)

11.00 Education Matters (LW only)

11.30 The Doctors (FM only). The medical drama series set on Merseyside. With Richard O'Sullivan and Sue Johnston (4/6) (r)

11.30 Today in Parliament (LW only)

12.00 News incl **12.27am** approx Weather

12.30 The Late Book: The Sportswriter, by Richard Ford (4/12) **12.48** Shipping **1.00 As World Service**

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True stories, honest portraits, absent reality

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

I hesitate to condone the telly-watching habits of *Men Behaving Badly*, but sometimes it comes uncomfortably close to life. Anyone who saw last Thursday's edition, you see, may have had an uncomfortable feeling of *déjà vu* during last night's **Screen One: Killing Me Softly** (BBC1). This was the controversial Sara Thornton docudrama, starring the beauteous Maggie O'Neill, which caused the *Daily Mail* last week to cry out in anticipation: "Why can't TV tell the truth about this sick husband-killer?"

Let's imagine ourselves back on the sofa at Gary and Tony's, with them watching *Killing Me Softly*. As the Thornton saga unfolds, and Malcolm starts hitting Sara when drunk, the girls swap sensitive remarks. "She ought to leave him," says Dorothy. "But she can't," says Debs. "No," they nod, together. Meanwhile the men look restless until suddenly Gary pipes up. "The top's coming off!" he cries. "It's coming off!" echoes Tony. Together, they lean forward in their chairs. "Come on, come on, come on," they chorus, until finally, "It's OFF."

Personally, I got quite involved in *Killing Me Softly*. It worked better as drama than I expected. Peter Howitt, as Malcolm Thornton, gave a brilliantly real performance — in no way the two-dimensional monster his relatives were said to have anticipated. His haircut was good, too. All round, the acting was fine (the child, Tilly Gerrard, was terrific), and the script made sense of a doomed relationship based on lust. In recent television history, I would hazard that the words "Now they snog a lot" have never appeared so often in a screenplay's stage directions.

But the occasional bouts of nudity — so glaringly gratuitous — pointed to the usual stretching of seams which always accompanies docudrama and explains why it's a bastard form better left alone. With docudrama, two types of reality fight it out, and neither wins.

Just as the dramatist has established Maggie O'Neill's lost-fawn depiction of Sara, a scene is required by the facts of the case — in which she drops her dress to the floor during a late-night chat with a friend; or goes to the kitchen, finds a knife, and sticks it in her husband. And then the viewer is supposed to say "Oh yes, the real Sara Thornton did that, didn't she?", as if it automatically makes sense.

The annoying thing about docudrama is this: that when it's good, it's worse. It plants a version of events in your head — and demands that you trust it without question. And when the drama works well, there is even more reason to complain. A dramatic account of this case was entirely uncalled for — especially after the retrial, which made any "public interest" defence fall down — and is even counter-productive.

Understanding such a problematic personality as Sara Thornton's requires the imagination to be free of any trite stereotype of the battered wife, but now that freedom is lost. Hers is a very singular case which makes her a flawed figurehead for the provocation plea; mixing her up with Maggie O'Neill dancing with her top off makes matters much worse.

For anyone reeling from the confusion of reality and fantasy last night on BBC1, it was a bad idea to turn to **Elton John — Tantrums and Tiaras** (ITV), which was bound to induce vertigo in the steadiest of viewers. *Tantrums and Tiaras* was the infamous home video filmed by Elton John's partner David Furnish — in which the true Elton was to be revealed, with unlovely pouts, screams, and satin overload.

To be honest, it sounded rather tiresome — not to say narcissistic and predictable. In fact, it was a very clever film, answering questions about the life of a mega-rich, mega-famous person that you would never think of asking. Every sequence that involved a wardrobe of any sort (oh my *God*) made the jaw drop so low it was picking up cat-hair from the carpet.

Furnish showed Elton writing a song in a studio (he devotes an hour to the tune: if it doesn't come, he gives up). A world tour took in two million people, and hundreds of concerts. Back at home, he sat with his Mum on a sofa and she cried when she remembered his old drug habits. The clever thing was that Furnish wasn't showing off about the lifestyle he now enjoyed; he could still see how it would appear to normal people with nothing to do with showbiz. While it is no surprise that Elton John is career-minded, it is still a shock to see how a career can drive the life out of a person without him noticing. "What if your songs stopped selling?" asked Furnish at one point. "They won't," said Elton emphatically. "It doesn't work like that." And sadly, he's right.

The intimate moments contained a fair amount of camping around ("Bona! Bona! Mwa! Mwa!"), but these only served as better foils for the quiet bits. Elton was either frantically overloaded, or bored and restless. His great good sense had been to surround himself with down-to-earth people who didn't flatter him all the time — it was clearly his salvation. But was his life worth having? You couldn't help but wonder, especially when — in a perfectly placed scene — he visited his old Nan, well looked-after in a nice house, with flowers delivered every week.

She was clearly devoted to him, but much as he loved her in return, it was tragically clear he could give her everything except time. "Did you get my card from Japan?" he asked. "Ooh yes, lovely," she said. Now he was off to the Oscars, hoping to collect an award, and she was right behind him. "I hope you get half a dozen," she said.

6.00am Business Breakfast (89514)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (10885)
9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceefax) (3802514)
9.20 Ready, Steady, Cook (r) (6902427)
9.50 Wildlife on One. A look at the solitary, nocturnal life of the North American raccoon (r) (Ceefax) (s) (7479040)
10.20 My Favourite Nosh. Chef Anton Mosimann cooks for actor Lionel Jeffries (6878137)
10.50 News (Ceefax) and weather (3238798)
10.55 Cricket — Third Test: England v India. Live coverage from Trent Bridge (7442311)
12.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (2683427)
12.05pm Going for Gold (s) (7513427)
12.30 For the Love of It (36449576)
12.35 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (9167663)
1.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (13972)
1.30 Regional News and weather (86130021)
1.35 Cricket — Third Test: England v India. Live from Trent Bridge (94902408)
5.35 Neighbours(r) (Ceefax) (s) (523040)
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) (595)
6.30 Regional News magazines (175)
7.00 That's Showbusiness. Mike Smith hosts the last in this series of the showbiz trivia gameshow *Tonight's guests are* Bob Downe, Sarah Vandenbergh, Edna Doré and Ainsley Harriott (Ceefax) (s) (9663)
7.30 Watchdog: Value for Money. Vanessa Feltz *presents a guide to successful* shopping. Including how to shop like a Princess without a big bank balance, Ainsley Harriott checks out the best takeaway pizzas and Chris Choi reveals how most mobile phone users are paying too much for their calls (Ceefax) (s) (359)
8.00 EastEnders. Grant is in no mood to celebrate his birthday and Peggy has something on her mind concerning Mark (Ceefax) (s) (8311)
8.30 Oh Doctor Beeching! Steam-powered railway sit-com. An escaped turkey causes Hatley's *new stationmaster no* end of trouble, wandering on the line. With Paul Shane, Su Pollard and Jeffrey Holland (Ceefax) (s) (7446)
9.00 News (Ceefax) regional news and weather (8156)
9.30 Panorama. In-depth investigations (Ceefax) (832595)
10.10 Bad Boys. Comedy drama series about a Cockney wide-boy stranded in Glasgow's gangland. Mulherron expels Fraser from the brotherhood of Glasgow's gangsters and initiates a member of the Russian Mafia instead But Fraser refuses to take this lying down and gets Wayne to sort it out. With Karl Howman (Ceefax) (s) (915427)
11.00 FILM: Cagney and Lacey: The Return (1994). Tyne Daly and Sharon Gless as television's favourite female cops brought together again in a search for a cache of missing firearms. Directed by James Frawley (56446)
12.30am International Athletics. Highlights from Stockholm (49373)
1.00 Weather (1061354)

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6.00am Open University: The Birth of Calculus (6265427) **6.25 Questions of National Identity** (9243953)
7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (4438682) **7.30 Smurfs' Adventures** (9476330) **7.55 To Me . . . to You** (r) (5206069) **8.20 Johnson and Friends** (r) (8895175)
8.30 Songs of Praise (r) (Ceefax) (s) (4515175)
9.05 The Fugitive (b/w) (r) (Ceefax) (7201412) **10.00 Playdays** (6865863) **10.25 Man in a Suitcase** (Ceefax) (s) (9494476) ***11.15 The Addams Family*** *(b/w) (r)* (Ceefax) (4119224) **11.40 Carrier's Caribbean** (1759392)
12.00 Cricket - Third Test (s) (18330)
1.00 Model Millie (r) (76575243) **1.15 A-Z of Food** (72304885) **1.25 Wear It Well** (76554750) **1.40 Working Lunch** (92222798)
2.10 The Oprah Winfrey Show (Ceefax) (1907224) **2.50 Blooming Lovely** (3833697) **3.00 News,** and weather (9675682) **3.05 The Natural World** (6562576) **3.55 News,** and weather (2113576)
4.00 Cartoon (7769514) **4.05 Fudge** (2122224) **4.30 Bright Sparks** (Ceefax) (972) **5.00 Newsround** (Ceefax) (8046779) **5.10 Blue Peter in South Africa** (Ceefax) (s) (7405934)
5.35 Cricket: Third Test (s) (233392)
6.15 International Athletics. Helen Rollason and Brendan Foster introduce coverage of tonight's Grand Prix meeting in Stockholm (3669779)
7.30 Don't Mention the War. Journalist Jurgen Kronig, *from Die Zeit, discovers* why it has become fashionable to be anti-German in Britain. He journeys through Britain and gets the opinions of football fans, farmers, reporters and politicians about the apparent war that has resumed between the two nations (s) (601)



Chris Lambrianou (8.00pm)

8.00 The Day That Changed My Life — The Devil in the Mirror (Ceefax) (s) (6953)
8.30 Wildlife Showcase — Island of the Monkey God. How the monkeys of South-East Asia first came down from the trees to claim the plentiful supplies of food (Ceefax) (5088)
9.00 The X Files: E.B.E. Mulder and Scully investigate a UFO sighting in Tennessee but their witness changes his story (r) (Ceefax) (s) (314953)
9.45 The Clash of the Titans: Coe v Ovett (Ceefax) (s) (329446)
10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (604069)
11.15 Cricket — Third Test (s) (289934)
12.00 The Midnight Hour with Sir Bernard Ingham (s) (61083)
12.30am-6.00 The Learning Zone

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The Day That Changed My Life: The Devil in the Mirror
BBC2, 8.00pm

A name from the 1960s, Christopher Lambrianou, launches a new series of the programme with the self-explanatory title. An East End gangster and associate of the Kray brothers, Lambrianou was given life for his part in the murder of Jack "The Hat" McVitie. Eight years into his sentence, depressed and on the edge of suicide, he looked at himself in the mirror and saw the Devil. It was a moment of conversion. "God usually lasts as long as the sentence," comments a cynical prison officer. But not for Lambrianou. On his release he married and although the marriage did not last, it produced five children on whom he dotes. He helps drugs and alcohol abusers at a rehabilitation centre near Oxford and also counsels prisoners. He tells his story with honesty and not a little pride.

If I Were Prime Minister
Channel 4, 8.00pm

Jenny Eclair's prescriptions for a better Britain belong mostly to the area of fantasy but for entertainment value they score highly. Eclair is, after all, a comedian and her film is a kind of travelling stand-up routine. Prominent in her political manifesto are free dental care to eliminate bad breath, a tax on fat people and a garden shed for men to store their pornographic magazines. Eclair's ideological stance is uncertain. She sends her daughter to a fee-paying school but is apologetic about it. Her support for the welfare state is rubbished by a right-wing economist but she is accused, by the political commentator Vincent Hanna, of being a fascist. The Eclair household is a puzzle. Her six-year-old daughter seems to be genuine but Eclair also has a drippy boyfriend, who, the credits tell us, is played by an actor.

Clash of the Titans: Coe v Ovett
BBC2, 9.45pm

Another ripping yarn from the history of sport focuses on the 1980 Olympics. The games were held in Moscow and because the Soviet Union had invaded Afghanistan, the Prime Minister urged British athletes not to go. Among those whose defied Mrs Thatcher were Sebastian Coe and Steve Ovett. As both were gold medal prospects, their attitude was understandable. A rounded film recalls Coe's obsessive training routines under his father-coach and Ovett's equally single-minded determination to stay clear of the press. By 1980 they had emerged as world-class middle-distance runners, who had broken record after record but rarely met on the track. At the Olympics they would do so twice, in the 800 and 1500 metres. To make the story even better the results were as neither man had expected.

Captain Pedro and the Three Wishes
Channel 4, 11.15pm

A Latin American season opens with a documentary which qualifies on two counts. It was made by a talented Argentinian director, Claudia Nye, and its subject is the boat people of Cuba. The story opens as thousands of poor Cubans take to the sea in homemade rafts and brave heat, hurricanes and sharks to seek a better life in the United States. But the land of the free threatens to be free no longer. Even as Pedro and his family search for a working motor for their boat, President Clinton decides to put a stop to illegal Cuban refugees. "Narrated" by the unborn child of Pedro's pregnant wife, an imaginative touch, the film charts the family's hopes and setbacks before Clinton relents and they finally make it to Florida. But American life is bewildering and there is no work. Peter Waymark

6.00am GMTV (98750)
9.25 The Real Ghostbusters (r) (s) (6905514)
9.50 NEW Hope and Gloria. Romantic singles sit-com (7471408)
10.20 News 10.25 Regional News
10.30 Danielle Steel's Palomino (86465779)
12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (2672311)
12.30 News and weather (Teletext) (9193088)
12.55 Shortland Street (s) (9178779) **1.25 Coronation Street** (r) (Teletext) (5321885) **2.00 Home and Away** (Teletext (s) (61061224) **2.25 Designed by Emanuel** (Teletext) (61080359) **2.50 Garden Calendar** (Teletext) (9860514)
3.20 News (Teletext) (9682972)
3.30 Caribou Kitchen (s) (3856040) **3.40 Tots TV** (r) (s) (1528886) **3.50 Old Bear Stories** (r) (s) (1517750) **4.00 Scooby Doo** (r) (2127779) **4.25 The Famous Five** (Teletext) (5159663) ***4.50 How 2*** (r) (Teletext) (7804392)
5.10 The List (7942243)
5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (996773)
6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (s) (188514)
6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (262040)
6.50 Let's Go *(777717)*
7.00 Tonight with Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan. Live chat show (4359)



Sue Nicholls as Audrey (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street. Audrey clashes head-to-head with Lily Dempsey (Teletext) (427)
8.00 World in Action. *Examining how an* annual saving of £100m could be made on the health budget (Teletext) (s) (1309)
8.30 Take Your Pick (Teletext) (2514)
9.00 An Independent Man. The strain of holding down two jobs is beginning to tell on Freddie (Teletext) (s) (5953)
10.00 News and weather (Teletext) (73779)
10.30 Regional News (Teletext) (805311)
10.40 Bypass (602750)
11.10 Music Writers on TV. Stuart Gordon, not only composes for film, television and radio but has also appeared on many hit records (r) (282682)
11.40 Inner Journeys (r) (868040)
12.10 Bushell on the Box (s) (9317793)
12.40am The Big Match — Replayed (9217286)
1.25 FILM: Private Sessions (1985) with Mike Farrell, Maureen Stapleton, Tom Bosley and Kelly McGillis. A compassionate psychiatrist believes that therapy should be available to everyone regardless of their ability to pay. Directed by Michael Pressman (923557)
3.05 Crime Hour (3545593) **4.05 Jones and Jury** (s) (37555422) **4.30 The Time . . . the Place** (r) (s) (96354) **5.00 An Invitation to Remember** (r) (71557)
5.30 Morning News (66538)

As HTV WEST except:
2.25pm Look and Cook (61080359)
2.50-3.20 The New Mr & Mrs Show (9860514)
5.10-5.40 Tribe (7942243)
6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight (787798)
10.40 People Like Us (602750)
11.10 Artyfax *(262692)*
11.40 Good Advice (868040)

WESTCOUNTRY
As HTV West except:
10.30am Murder, She Wrote (1606040)
11.25 Side Effects (6503458)
12.55pm Coronation Street (9178779)
1.25-1.55 Cross Wits (61914040)
1.55 Home and Away (92215408)
2.25 Men in a Woman's World (61064311)
2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (7742717)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (7942243)
6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live *(33840)*
10.40 Hot Spots (602750)
11.10 Street Legal *(499224)*

CENTRAL
As HTV West except:
10.30am Murder, She Wrote (1606040)
11.25 Side Effects (6503458)
12.55pm Home and Away (9178779)
1.25 Cross Wits (61914040)
1.55 A Country Practice (78833137)
2.20-3.20 Blue Heelers (7870392)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (7942243)
6.25-7.00 Central News (787798)
10.40 Sport in Question (897682)
11.40 Hunter (647934)
1.25am The Crime Hour (7166557)
2.25 Jones and Jury (8697712)
2.50 Film: One of Those Things (9337737)

MERIDIAN
As HTV West except:
10.30 A Woman Named Jackie (86465779)
12.55pm Coronation Street (9178779)
1.25 Home and Away (61914040)
1.55 Shortland Street (92215408)
2.25 Blue Heelers (7270601)
3.15-3.20 Breakaways (9692359)
5.10 Home and Away (7942243)
6.00 Meridian Tonight (663)
6.30-7.00 Summer Getaways (243)
10.40 The Pier (629427)
11.05 The Listings (358088)
11.10 Go Fishing (262682)
11.40 Meridian Masterclass (868040)
5.00am Freescreen (71557)

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Starts: 6.40 Super Dave (1434576) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (70345) **9.00 Film: Fashions of 1934** (8472595) **10.25 Pete Smith Specialties** (9847663) **10.30 Film: Born to Dance** (53866) **12.30pm Waterways** (91663) **1.00 Slot Melthrin** (20822) **1.30 Film: Stella Dallas** (47601) **3.30 Calcutta Chronicles** (791) **4.00 Backdate** (156) **4.30 Garden Party** (840) **5.00 5 Pump: Penbleth Padrig** (7816088) **5.15 5 Pump: Fiell** (8043682) **5.30 Countdown** (392) **6.00 Newyddion** (542798) **6.15 Heno** (496934) **7.00 Pobol Y Cwm** (276663) **7.25 Y Byd Ar Bedwar** (335868) **8.00 Gorau Gari** (1021) **8.30 Newyddion** (6476) **9.00 Frasier** (1886) **9.30 Friends** (11427) **10.00 Tour De France** (64021) **10.30 Film: The Krays** (57689088) **12.45am The Heroin Wars** (155151)

6.40am Super Dave (r) (1434576)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (70345)
9.00 FILM: Fashions of 1934 (1934, b/w).Musical comedy with William Powell and Bette Davis. Directed by William Dieterle (8472595)
10.25 Pete Smith Specialties (7256069)
10.35 FILM: Born to Dance (1936, b/w) with Eleanor Powell and James Stewart. A winning musical directed by Roy Del Ruth (47625514)
12.30pm Waterways (r) (Teletext) (91663) **1.00 Sesame Street** (r) (29446) **2.00 Australia Wild** (1912156)
2.35 FILM: Sailor Beware! (1956, b/w) Comedy with Peggy Mount, directed by Gordon Parry (Teletext) (9547069)
4.00 Backdate (Teletext) (s) (156) **4.30 Countdown** (Teletext) (s) (840) **5.00 The Montel Williams Show** (Teletext) (s) (3993798)
5.50 Creature Comforts. Nick Park's Oscar-winning animated short film (892205)
6.00 Tour De France. The ninth stage, from Val d'Isère to Sestrière (205)
6.30 Hollyoaks (Teletext) (885)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (805953)
7.55 The Slot (983601)



The comedian Jenny Eclair (8.00pm)

8.00 If I Were Prime Minister. The first of a six-part series (Teletext) (1021)
8.30 The Hole Story. A wildlife documentary about the African ground hornbill (Teletext) (6476)
9.00 The Final Passage. Caryl Phillips's dramatisation of his own novel about a Caribbean island couple lured to Britain in the 1950s with the promise of work concludes. Tonight, they face the racism of the country and the declining state of their own marriage.. Starring Natasha Estelle Williams and Michael Cheme (Teletext) (38817392)
10.35 The Sex Hunters. A Short Stories profile of six young men who spend their summers in Newquay, Cornwall (r) (Teletext) (607156)
11.15 Captain Pedro and the Three Wishes (221040)
12.20am Dreams of Ice. Documenting the voyage of an iceberg from the Antarctic to the World Expo 1992 exhibition in Seville (7955538)
1.25 FILM: The Elephant and the Bicycle (1994). Cuba's entry to last year's Latin American film festival in London. Set in 1925 on an imaginary Caribbean island, an entrepreneur sets out to win the heart of his childhood sweetheart. Directed by Juan Carlos Tabio (8179828)
2.55 Aller Simple. The story of the six million men and women who between 1830 and 1930 left Europe to settle and populate the countries of Latin America (3416557). Ends at **3.55**

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SKY ONE

7.00am Undun (56801) **9.00** Press Your Luck (1242750) **9.20** Love Connection (3816972) **9.45** Oprah Winfrey (9563175) **10.40** Jeopardy! (6694040) **11.10** Sally Jessy Raphael (1634224) **12.00** Sightings (23798) **12.30pm** Murphy Brown (51969) **1.00** Hotel (49224) **2.00** *Geraldo (10311)* **3.00** Court TV (8458) **3.30** Oprah Winfrey (5681088) **4.15** Undun (4314798) **5.00** *Quantum Leap (4750)* **6.00** Space Precinct (69088) **7.00** Spellbound (2779) **7.30** M*A*S*H (8305) **8.00** Strange Luck (86779) **9.00** Fire (99243) **10.00** Quantum Leap (903301) **11.00** Highlander (43137) **12.00** Late Show (13555538) **12.45am** Return to Lonesome Dove (56758809) **1.30** The Edge (18575) **2.00** *Hit Mix (2843002)*

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (7269663) **9.30** The Book Show (48595) **10.10** CBS 60 Minutes (4313021) **1.30** CBS News (41682) **2.30** Parliament Live (8682) **5.00** Live at Five (2392) **6.00** Sky News (9311) **6.30** Tonight with Adam Boulton (7773) **7.30** Sportsline (3175) **8.10** CBS 60 Minutes (499137) **11.30** CBS News (13408) **12.30** ABC News (83731) **1.30** Tonight with Adam Boulton Replay (18557) **2.10** CBS 60 Minutes Replay (78557) **3.30** Parliament Replay (78557) (3086606) **3.30** Parliament Replay (78557) **4.30** CBS News (77354) **5.30** ABC News

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Swing Time (1936) (14972) **8.00 Anne of Green Gables** (1934) (76534779) **9.45 Khartoum** (1966) (93803069) **12.00 Mr Mum** (1983) (215514) **2.00pm They All Laughed** (1981) (83682) **4.00 Konrad** (1987) (9682) **6.00 Son of the Pink Panther** (1993) (35205) **7.30 El Features** (6901) **8.00 The Spider and the Fly** (1994) (75663) **10.00 Pulp Fiction** (1994) (10804779) **12.35am Linda** (1993) (1342557) **2.05 Goodbye Pork Pie** (1981) (1435793) **3.50-6.00 Deadly Invasion: The Killer Bee Nightmare** (1994) (56708538)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

12.00 Two Flags West (1950) (45156) **2.00pm Easy Living** (1937) (65224) **4.00 The Assassination Bureau** (1968) (8514) **6.00 Silent Movie** (1976) (85088) **8.00 Sterman** (1984) (57205) **10.00 Rocky** (1976) (55710088) **12.05am 9 1/2 Weeks** (1985) (332460) **2.05 Frankenstein Created Woman** (1968) (117915) **3.40-5.15 A Lesson in Love** (1954) (214248)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am When Willie Comes Marching Home (1950) (47717) **7.30 Spider-Man: Photo Finish/ a Matter of State** (1973) (49670601) **9.05 From the Earth to the Moon** (1979) (7036250) **10.00 Lost in Alaska** (1952) (53427) **12.00 Much Ado About Nothing** (1993) (22156) **2.00pm The Family Jewels** (1965) (81224) **4.00 Spider-Man: Photo Finish/ a Matter of State** (1973) (7224) **6.00 They Watch** (1993) (97048) **9.00 The Doomsday Gun** (1994) (73205) **10.00 American Heart** (1993) (801021) **11.55 Rapa Nui** (1994) (4774408) ***1.45am Dead of Winter*** ***(1987)*** (5248091) **3.30 To Protect and Serve** (1992) (558642) **5.05-6.00 From the Earth to the Moon** (1979) (5336480)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 6am.
6.05am Quack Attack (78171682) **6.30** Chip 'n' Dale (64699137) **6.55** Chip 'n' Dale (64601972) **7.20** Ducktales (77685971) **7.45** Ducktales (34718330) **8.10** Quack Attack (73438494) **8.35** Darkwing Duck (47958224) **9.00** Darkwing Duck (95541446) **9.30** Quack Attack (14277382) **10.00** Raw Toonage (84197972) **10.30** Marsupilami (95530330) **11.00** Chip 'n' Dale (82259068) ***11.20*** Chip 'n' Dale (82235408) **11.45** Sing Me a Story (52007446) **12.15pm** Lamb Chop (64477953) **12.45** Muppet Babies (50703585) **1.00 FILM: Breaking Free** (84185137) **3.00** Ducktales (10171683) **3.25** Quack Attack (10190798) **3.50** Chip 'n' Dale (68614392) **4.15** Darkwing Duck (59345595) **4.40** Darkwing Duck (73527156) **5.00** Gargoyles (56713359) **5.30** Raw Toonage (84210446) **6.00** Marsupilami (38445868) **6.20** Emerald Cove (52619021) **6.30** Dinosaurs (84291311) **7.00** Zorro (66793595) **7.30** (84291311) **FILM: Fifth Avenue Girl** (98482243) **9.00** Hollywood Lives (72367359) **9.30-10.00** Dinosaurs (14291972)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Athletics (77972) **9.00** Cycling (89040) **10.00** Live Cycling (5489601) **3.30pm** Speedworld (65137) **5.30** Live Athletics (226885) **8.30** Offroad (1446) **9.00** Cycling (673243) **9.50** Sportscentre (282653) **10.00** Truck Racing (23224) **11.00** Eurogoal Magazine (74021) **12.00-12.30am** Formula 1 (30151)

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Gillette World Sport Special (70205) **7.30** APS Surfing (62040) **8.30** Racing News (97408) **9.00** Aerobics Oz Style (*11088*) **9.30** Futbol Mundial (25779) **10.00** Sunday League Cricket (88224) **11.00** Super League (84048) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (91224) **12.30pm** Golf USA: Senior Open (835363) **3.30** Golf USA: Western Open (70069) **5.30** Rebel Sports (7972) **6.00** Sky Sports Centre (357755) **6.05** Olympic Century (227686) **7.00** The Winning Post: Ripon and Windsor (62069) **8.30** International Cricket: England v India (44224) **10.00** Sky Sports Centre (931427) **10.15** Skiff Sailing: UK Series (961175) **10.45** Olympic Century (389088) **11.45** Bushido — the Ultimate Fight (358972) **12.45am** Rebel Sports (384441) **1.15** Watersports World (341993) **2.15** Skiff Sailing: UK Series (372606) **2.45-3.00** Sky Sports Centre (7478608)

SKY SPORTS GOLD

10.00pm Bobby Charlton's Football Scrapbook: Wonderful Wolves (5556446) **11.30-1.00am** World Cup Classics: England v Portugal 1966 (4773069)

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL

4.00am Thought for the Day **4.05** Worship **4.15** Kidz Tv **4.30** Voice of Faith with Walter Hallam **5.00** Voice of Victory with Kenneth and Gloria Copeland **5.30** Christian Music Tv **5.45** Miracles — Yesterday Today and Forever **8.15** Word of Live with Ulf Ekman **6.45-7.00** Good Morning Europe

SKY SOAP

7.00am Guiding Light (3405882) **7.55** As the World Turns (4286750) **8.50** Peyton Place (97849341) **9.20** Days of Our Lives (9361224) **10.10-11.00** Another World

SKY TRAVEL

11.00am Boomerang (5597886) **11.30** Independent Travellers Guide (8258040) **12.30pm** Floyd on Oz (8838243) **1.00** Getaway (6478868) **1.30** Great Escapes (6837514) **2.00** Trailside (2863021) **2.30** Mansions (1284663) **3.00** Globetrotter (2882158) **3.30** Around the World (5242934) **3.55-4.00** Holiday Shop

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Swastika Over British Soil (7597065) **5.00** Godfathers v the Law (2873408) **6.00-7.00** Biography (6813984)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

7.00pm The Tomorrow People (2874137) **7.30** Captain Power and the Soldiers of the Future (1285156) **8.00** Starman (3957886) **9.00** Outer Limits (3980330) **10.00** Close **1.00am** The Six Million Dollar Man (9118462) ***2.00 FILM: Beauty and the Beast*** (1164642) **3.30-4.00** Roboreach (4732712)

TLC

9.00am The Joy of Painting **9.30** Grow Your Own **10.00** Neat Stuff **10.30** This Old House **11.00** The Painted House **11.30** Room Service **12.00** Julia Child **12.30pm** The Frugal Gourmet **1.00** Simply Delicious **1.30** Home Again **2.00** Our House **2.30** Garden Club **3.00** Two's Country **3.30-4.00** This Old House

UK GOLD

7.00am Rentaghost (1649088) **7.30** Neighbours (1828585) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (5072798) **8.30** EastEnders (5071089) **9.00** The Bill (5055021) **9.30** The Sullivans (8755137) **10.00** Fourth Arm (1624779) **11.00** Bullseye (1862311) **11.30** XYZ (1112408) **12.05pm** Sons and Daughters (83533427) **12.30** Neighbours (8759853) **1.00** EastEnders (2760359) **1.35** Hi-De-Hi (4836446) **2.15** Man About the House (6790576) **2.30** Three Up, Two Down (6444683) **3.30** The Bill (3533330) **4.00** Casualty (1853663) **5.00** Every Second Counts (6360175) **5.45** Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads? (6766392) **6.25** EastEnders (4282156) **7.00** The Two Ronnies (3288634) **8.00 FILM: Blue Ice** (3208788) **10.00** The Bill (3484224) **10.35** The Best of Top of the Pops (3773069) ***11.20 Capital City*** *(8215853)* ***12.25am*** **FILM: Signpost to Murder** (69668248) **1.45-3.00** Shopping at Night (34490441)

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CBI survey sees surge in optimism

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

OPTIMISM in the financial sector is growing sharply on the back of the strongest increase in business volumes since the 1980s, new figures from the Confederation of British Industry show today.

The findings of the CBI's latest survey of the financial services sector — especially on the growth of mortgage business by building societies — indicate the return of the long-sought "feel-good" factor, and confirm that the housing market is starting to improve.

Ministers and business leaders hope that today's CBI figures will preface a series of positive official statistics, starting with new figures on factory-level production and industrial prices today, and retail prices later in the week. Next week ministers hope there will be a further fall in unemployment, and helpful figures on company profitability and public borrowing.

The CBI's quarterly survey, carried out with chartered accountants Coopers & Lybrand, show business optimism in financial services is now increasing at the fastest rate since March 1993. A net balance of half the 267 financial services firms studied declared themselves optimistic about their overall business position, a significant increase on the 33 per cent balance in March and the balance of only 4 per cent last December.

Building societies, followed by banks and life insurers, are reporting the strongest rises in confidence, with only general insurers, security traders and venture capitalists claiming that overall confidence is lower than three months ago.

The rise in confidence follows the strongest increase in business volumes since the CBI started its financial services survey in 1989. A net balance of 46 per cent of firms are seeing a rise in their overall business volumes, compared to 5 per cent in March, and a balance of 1 per cent a year ago seeing business volumes falling.

Business volumes with all categories of customer rose over the past three months, the survey shows, though the increase with overseas customers was only marginal. However, it is the sharp rise in business with private individuals that is likely to be seen as the most significant indicator for the return of the "feel-good" factor, supporting the idea of a recovery in the housing market.

The volume of business transacted with private individuals grew for a net balance of 60 per cent of the companies surveyed — up from 4 per cent in the last quarter. Financial services firms expect the increase to be sustained over the next three months.

Business volumes with financial institutions also grew more strongly than expected, with a net 22 per cent reporting a rise, compared with a forecast of only 1 per cent. But business with industrial and commercial companies remained broadly level, suggesting investment by industry is not yet increasing.

Sudhir Junankar, CBI associate director of economic analysis, says today: "Overall business volumes rose markedly over the past three months ... but companies expect business growth to moderate over the coming three months in line with the pace of expansion seen late last year."

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Inflation keeps Clarke buoyant

BY OLIVER AUGUST

KENNETH CLARKE, the Chancellor, will tomorrow deliver an upbeat assessment of the economy despite being forced to admit that his 3 per cent growth forecast for this year will not be achieved.

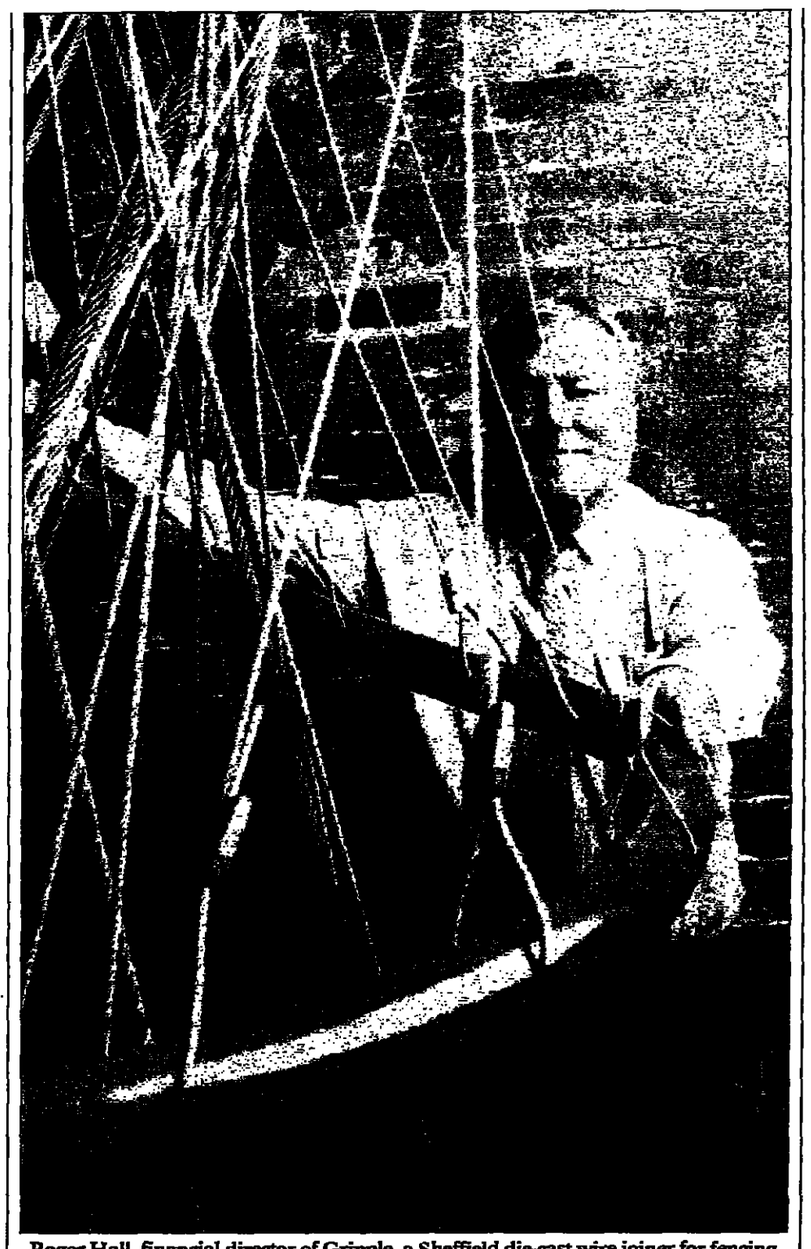
In the Treasury's Summer Economic Forecast, Mr Clarke is expected to downgrade his Budget growth prediction to about 2.5 per cent after a sluggish performance in the first half of this year. He will also revise upwards his estimate of public borrowing from £22.5 billion to about £28 billion, underlining the difficulty of justifying significant tax cuts.

However, the Chancellor can take comfort in the fact that inflation remains subdued. It is expected that underlying inflation, currently 2.8 per cent, will fall during the rest of the year and remain below 2.5 per cent throughout 1997.

Mr Clarke starts a two-day brainstorming session with senior officials on Friday, when they will discuss the scope for and type of tax changes which can be made in this year's pre-election Budget.

The meeting will be attended by Sir Terry Burns, Treasury Permanent Secretary, Valerie Strachan, head of Customs & Excise, and Sir Tony Battishill, head of the Inland Revenue.

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Roger Hall, financial director of Gripple, a Sheffield die-cast wire joiner for fencing and industrial wire rope, which is one of five winners due tomorrow to receive £7,000 each in prizes and professional services in the DTI export awards for smaller businesses

Glaxo loses fight to protect Zantac from copycat drugs

BY OLIVER AUGUST

GLAXO WELLCOME, the pharmaceuticals group, has lost the battle to protect Zantac, its lucrative anti-ulcer drug, from copycat medications, it emerged yesterday.

Novopharm, a Canadian company specialising in producing generic forms of leading drug brands, has emerged victorious from a six-year court battle after a federal court in North Carolina ruled that it can produce a generic version of the original Zantac, known as Form 1. Novopharm will have its product on the market within 12 months.

Zantac, the world's most widely prescribed drug, currently has annual sales of £2.2 billion, 24 per cent of Glaxo Wellcome's total sales.

Last night Glaxo said that it believed that it had grounds to appeal against the ruling, which paves the way for the cheaper rival to Zantac to enter the market. However, Novopharm has threatened a $1 billion lawsuit against Glaxo if the British company does appeal, alleging wilful obstruction of Novopharm's legitimate efforts to sell its version of Zantac.

Leslie Dan, Novopharm's chairman, said: "The court's ruling was so strong in our favour that any further attempts by Glaxo to use litigation as a means to block Zantac competition would be ludicrous."

Judge Terence Boyle refused to accept that production of Form 1 would violate Glaxo's patent for Form 2 Zantac, which lasts until 2002. He said: "Glaxo has failed to establish that the existence of Form 2 in Novopharm's product is even a reasonable possibility."

A Glaxo Wellcome spokesman said: "We believe the company has a valid case against Novopharm and that it has strong grounds for appeal.

"We emphasise that the law does not permit Novopharm or any other generic drug maker to bring a generic form of the product to market before the expiry of the basic patent in July 1997."

Scots bank chief seeks investors

Sir Bruce Patullo, Governor of the Bank of Scotland, will today begin meeting institutional investors as the insurer, Standard Life, launches the offer document for the £850 million placing of the bulk of its 31.5 per cent interest in the bank.

Sir Bruce, whose initial anger at the proposed disposal prompted him to quit the Standard Life board, will travel to Europe and America to secure institutional investors for the shares. Standard Life will retain a 2.5 per cent interest in the bank as a long-term investment.

Staples offer

Staples, the American retailer, confirmed yesterday that it has made an offer, believed to be in the region of £15 million, to buy out Kingfisher's half-share of their UK office supplies joint venture. Staples claims an initial offer of around £25 million, made earlier this year, was originally accepted by Kingfisher. But after negotiations stalled, the Americans then reduced the offer to take account of losses incurred by the joint venture. Staples runs 33 out-of-town superstores in the UK, selling stationery and computer supplies.

Somerfield offers reassurance

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

SOMERFIELD will today seek to reassure potential investors that its controversial £500 million stock market flotation remains on track when it reports a sharp rise in operating profits and improved margins.

In spite of claims by the company and its advisers that interest in the flotation is strong among both institutional and private investors, there is growing acceptance that Somerfield's lacklustre medium-term prospects will undermine the flotation price.

There is also dismay that a large slice of the float proceeds will go to existing and former directors, while Somerfield must pay extra indemnity fees of £5 million to Kleinwort Benson, its adviser, and £3 million to SBC Warburg, adviser to Isosceles, Somerfield's parent company. But today the company, Britain's fifth-largest supermarket chain and the subject of a remarkable recovery from near collapse three years ago, will claim the outlook is encouraging.

Annual operating profits have risen 43 per cent to £100.5 million and the net operating margin for the year to April 27 was 3.2 per cent, up one point on the previous year.

While supermarkets trading under the Somerfield brand are understood to have seen more than 5 per cent like-for-like sales growth in the year, analysts believe that trading at the old, unconverted Gateway supermarkets, accounting for 35 per cent of the chain, was down by 4 per cent. The company plans to have the whole chain converted by the end of next year.

Guinness rules out GrandMet takeover

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

GUINNESS will make a Stock Exchange statement today after reports that it is considering a £13 billion bid for Grand Metropolitan, the rival drinks group. The company will rule out a hostile bid for GrandMet and reject suggestions that it will demerge its brewing and spirits operations.

Guinness was forced to clarify its position after details of a leaked report by Lazards, the company's main advisers, were published at the weekend. The Lazards plan involved Guinness raising £10 billion in cash to fund a takeover of GrandMet, recouping the costs through the sale of GrandMet's food interests, which include Burger King and Pillsbury.

A successful takeover would hand Guinness brands including Smirnoff vodka, Malibu, and Bailey's to add to its existing portfolio, which includes Johnnie Walker, Bell's and Gordon's Gin.

Guinness's statement is unlikely to end City speculation about the company's strategy to revive its flagging performance. Bernard Arnault, a Guinness director and head of LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton, which owns 20 per cent of Guinness, has publicly called for it to take action and is believed to favour a demerger.

GrandMet is also likely to come under the spotlight again, although the company has insisted it has no immediate plans to make disposals. There have been rumours that it is prepared to sell Burger King. Gerald Corbett, finance director of GrandMet, said: "We do not want to appear complacent, but we feel the company is in good shape and is on course for its best year ever."

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GUINNESS	GRANDMET
JOHNNIE WALKER	SMIRNOFF
BELL'S WHISKY	STOLICHNAYA
DEWAR'S WHISKY	BAILEY'S
GORDON'S GIN	CINZANO
BLACK & WHITE	MALIBU
TANQUERAY GIN	J&B RARE
ASBACH	GRAND MARNIER
CLASSIC MALTS	ABSOLUT VODKA
	BOMBAY GIN
	FERNET BRANCA
	JOSE CUERVO
	WILD TURKEY

Thames top of leak table

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

THAMES Water has emerged as Britain's most leak-prone water company, after it dramatically revised its water loss estimates for 1995-96.

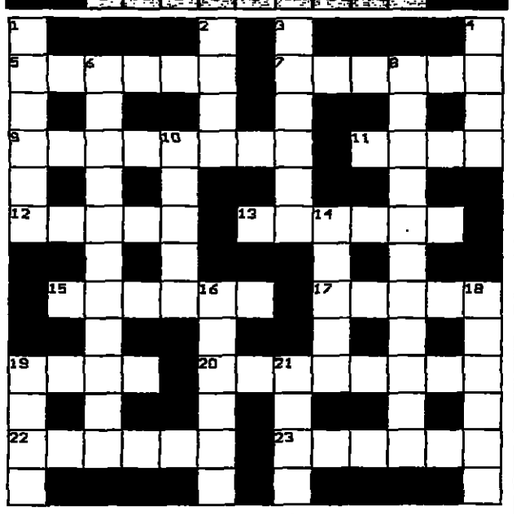
Thames's new figures show it is losing the equivalent of 333 litres a day for every household in its region. Its total distribution losses are 807 megalitres a day, compared with a previously published 628 megalitres.

The revised figures bring into question Thames's ability to meet its forecast leakage rate of 218 litres per household per day by 1997-98. The company is spending £166 million on a programme to halve the leakage rate by 2004 or 2005.

In May, Ian Byatt, Director-General of Ofwat, the water regulator, criticised the major water companies for their failure to meet leakage targets. The Environment Agency has also said that it will withhold licences to abstract water from rivers and build new reservoirs unless it feels proper action has been taken to fix leaks.

Other companies singled out for poor leakage rates are Yorkshire Water and North West Water, part of United Utilities, which lose about 30 per cent of supplies through leaks, against around 28 per cent for Thames. Anglian Water loses just 13 per cent.

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5 Unreal, false (6)
7 Polar lights; *Sleeping Beauty* princess (6)
9 Broken chord (*mus.*) (8)
11 Big chunk (of eg cake, stone) (4)
12 Stratum; a hen (5)
13 Discussion (6)
15 Summerhouse (6)
17 Distant, uninvolved (5)
19 Stay; live; tolerate (4)
20 Troilus & Cressida's go-between (8)
22 Centre/circumference distance (6)
23 Perfectly round thing (6)

DOWN
1 Take up room sitting; urban spread (6)
2 Yearn (4)
3 Wheedle (6)
4 Door side-post (4)
6 Having gained nothing (5-6)
8 Regrettably accurate (4,3,4)
10 Stuff oneself; ravine (5)
14 Uncontroversial; dull (5)
16 Relief road (6)
18 Encourage; Gloucester-going Dr (6)
19 Speak gruffly; part of tree (4)
21 Inquisitive (4)

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Hitler and the Stauffenberg solution



In the first of two extracts from his controversial new book *Plotting Hitler's Death*, leading historian Joachim Fest tells the true story of the bungled plot to assassinate the Nazi dictator



Stauffenberg (far left) with Hitler (centre) at the "Wolf's Lair" HQ, July 15, 1944. Five days later the Führer's trusted officer planted the bomb intended to kill him

After several unsuccessful attempts to overthrow the Nazi regime, the conspirators' sole remaining ambition by July 20, 1944, was to save as much of Germany's "substance" as possible from the impending catastrophe. Recent evidence suggests how well-founded their motives were: one study shows that while slightly more than 2.8 million German soldiers and civilians died between the beginning of the war on September 1, 1939, and the attempt to assassinate Hitler on July 20, 1944, 4.8 million died during the nine-and-a-half months before the war ended in early May 1945.

The destruction wreaked in the last nine months of the air war far exceeded that of the previous 59 months, not to mention the countless casualties in other countries or the victims of Hitler's extermination policy, which continued to the very end.

One of the factors inhibiting appreciation of the German resistance has been the cacophony of voices in which it found expression. Opponents of the regime were motivated not only by a simple concern for human rights but also by Christian, socialist, conservative and even reactionary beliefs. There is much truth to the claim that the German resistance to the Third Reich never existed in the sense of a unified group sharing common ideals.

Of all the various resistance groups, only three succeeded in developing a strategy that posed a genuine threat to the regime. These were the conservative circle around Carl Goerdeler, a former Mayor of Leipzig, and Ludwig Beck, a retired army chief of staff; the Kreisau Circle, led by Count Helmuth von Moltke and dominated by a Christian and socialist philosophy; and the regime's opponents within the military.

It was this last branch of the resistance whose motives were the clearest and whose efforts came closest to succeeding. And it was this branch that ultimately found expression in one symbolic act — for that is what the events of July 20, 1944, represented.

What was lacking above all was the actual assassin. Around August 10, 1943, however, General Treschow [one of the leaders of the military resistance] had been introduced to a young lieutenant-colonel. The young man had been badly wounded in an air attack on the North African front in April. He had lost his right hand as well as the third and fourth fingers of his left, and he wore a black patch over his left eye. After a lengthy stay in hospital, he had asked the surgeon, Ferdinand Sauerbruch, how much longer he would need to recuperate. On hearing that two more operations and many months of convalescence would be necessary, he shook his head, saying he didn't have that much time — important things needed to be done. While still in the hospital, he explained to his uncle and close confidant Nikolaus von Uexküll, "Since the generals have failed to do anything, it's now time for the colonels." His name was Count Klaus Schenk von Stauffenberg.

Stauffenberg seemed to send an electric charge through the lifeless resistance networks as he quickly and naturally assumed a leadership role. He was familiar with all the complex religious, historical and social reasons why nothing had been done, but he had not lost sight of the far more basic truth that there are limits to loyalty and duty. He dismissed the foreign policy concerns of almost all the other members of the resistance, simply assuming that a German government that had overthrown the Nazis would be able to negotiate a peace treaty, despite the Casablanca declaration [in which the Allies demanded unconditional surrender]. Most important, he was determined to act.

Stauffenberg was a scion of the Swabian nobility. Like many other young officers, he had welcomed Hitler's nomination as Chancellor in 1933 and had agreed, in theory at least, with some of the Nazi platform, especially unification with Austria and hostility to the Treaty of Versailles. [By 1938], however, he had already begun to have serious doubts about the Nazis. "That fool is headed for war," he said. But when war was finally declared, he threw himself into his chosen profession like a devoted soldier.

Stauffenberg proved to be a brilliant staff officer and was promoted to the army high command in June 1940. At first his critical view of the regime was spurred by technical, military and nationalistic concerns. Gradually, though, moral issues came more and more to the fore, and in the end all these considerations played their part in a decision best summarised by his laconic answer to a question asked of him in 1942, about how to change Hitler's style of leadership: "Kill him."

On July 1, 1944, Stauffenberg was promoted to the rank of colonel and simultaneously assumed his new duties as chief of staff to the commander of the reserve army. General Fromm had always been a vigilant, cautious, opportunistic man, whose suspicions that Stauffenberg was plotting a coup had long since hardened into certainty. It seems all the more curious, therefore, that he went to such lengths to have him appointed to his staff. Fromm may simply have wanted to use Stauffenberg, who had written a report that drew extremely laudatory reviews from Hitler, to escape the disfavour into which he had himself fallen. "Finally a general staff officer with imagination and intelligence!" Hitler is said to have remarked. Of crucial importance to Stauffenberg was the fact that the new position gave him the access to Hitler that the conspirators had long sought.

On July 20, 1944, Stauffenberg flew into the Rastenburg airfield [at Hitler's East Prussian HQ, the "Wolf's Lair"] shortly after 10am, with his co-conspirators Werner von Haeften and Helmuth Stieff. He immediately headed for the officers' mess in Restricted Area II, carrying in his briefcase only the papers he needed for the reports he was expected to give. Haeften, meanwhile, carried the two bombs in his briefcase and accompanied Stieff to OKH (army high command) headquarters. The plans called for Haeften and Stauffenberg to meet shortly before the briefing in the Wolf's Lair to exchange briefcases.

At around 11 o'clock Stauffenberg was summoned by the chief of army staff, General Walther Buhle, and after a short meeting they proceeded together to a conference with General Keitel in the OKW (Wehrmacht high command) bunker in Restricted Area I. Here Stauffenberg learnt that on account of a visit by Mussolini, what was to have been a noon briefing with Hitler had been put back half an hour to 12.30pm. Immediately after the conference with Keitel, Stauffenberg asked the general's aide, Major Ernst John von Freyend, to show him to a room where he could wash up and change his shirt. July 20 was a hot day.



Stauffenberg pictured with his three children in 1940

As Keitel and the other officers headed toward the briefing barracks, Stauffenberg and Haeften, who met in the corridor, withdrew into the lounge in Keitel's bunker, where Stauffenberg set about installing and arming a fuse in the first bomb. He had barely begun, however, when a telephone call came from General Fellgiebel, another conspirator, who asked to speak with Stauffenberg on urgent business. Freyend sent Platoon Sergeant Werner Vogel back to the bunker to urge Stauffenberg to hurry.

As Vogel entered the lounge, he saw the two officers stowing something into one of the briefcases. He informed them of the call, adding that the others were waiting for them outside. Meanwhile Freyend shouted from the entrance, "Stauffenberg, please come along!" With Vogel standing in the doorway, Stauffenberg closed the briefcase as swiftly as possible while Haeften swept up the papers that were lying around and stuffed them into the other briefcase.

Fellgiebel's telephone call and the intrusion of Platoon Sergeant Vogel may well have determined the course of history, for it is likely that they prevented Stauffenberg from arming the fuse on the second package of explosives. No one knows why Stauffenberg did not place the second bomb in his briefcase alongside the one whose timer had already been activated, since the explosion of one would surely have set off the other as well. Stauffenberg was certainly nervous and Vogel's sudden eruption into the room must have given him a fright, but the most probable explanation for his bringing only the one bomb is that he was not fully aware of how such explosives work. Believing that a single bomb would suffice, he probably did not adequately consider the cumulative effect of two bombs. What is clear, according to all experts, is that inclusion of the second charge would have magnified the power of the blast not twofold but many times, killing everyone in the room outright.

Together with General Buhle and Major Freyend, Stauffenberg hurried out of the OKW bunker, briefcase in hand. They crossed the 350 yards to the wooden briefing barracks, which lay behind a high wire fence in the innermost security zone. After declining for the second time Freyend's offer to carry his briefcase, Stauffenberg finally turned it over to him at the entrance to the barracks, asking to be seated as close as possible to the Führer so that he could "catch everything".

In the conference room the briefing was already under way, with General Adolf Heusinger reporting on the eastern front. Keitel announced that Stauffenberg would be giving a report, and Hitler shook the colonel's hand "wordlessly but with his usual scrutinising look". Freyend placed the briefcase near Heusinger and his assistant, Colonel Brandt, who were both standing to Hitler's right. Despite his efforts to edge closer to Hitler, Stauffenberg could only find a place at the corner of the table. His briefcase remained on the far side of the massive table leg, where Freyend had placed it. Shortly thereafter Stauffenberg left the room, whispering something indistinctly as if he had an important task to attend to.

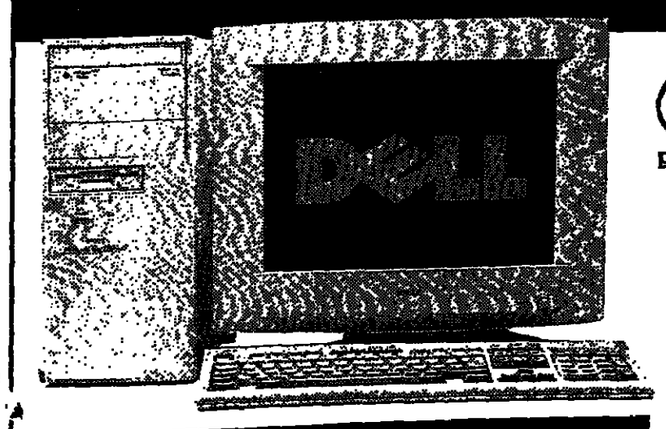
Once outside the barracks he returned the way he had come, turning off before Keitel's bunker and heading toward the Wehrmacht adjutant building to find out where Haeften was with the car. In the signals officer's room, he found not only Haeften but Fellgiebel as well. Meanwhile, back in the briefing room, Hitler was already asking for the colonel and General Buhle set out to look for him. It was just after 12.40pm.

Suddenly, as witnesses later recounted, a deafening crack shattered the midday quiet and a bluish-yellow flame rocketed skyward. Stauffenberg gave a violent start and, when Fellgiebel asked weakly what the noise could be, simply shook his head. Meanwhile a dark plume of smoke rose and hung in the air over the wreckage of the briefing barracks. Shards of glass, wood and fibre board swirled about, and scorched pieces of paper and insulation rained down. The quiet that followed was broken by the sound of voices calling for doctors. Stauffenberg and Haeften climbed into the waiting car and ordered the driver to take them to the airfield. As they did so, a body covered by Hitler's cloak was carried from the barracks on a stretcher. That was probably what led them to conclude that the Führer was dead.

When the bomb exploded, 24 people were in the conference room. All were hurled to the ground, some with their hair in flames. Window mullions and sashes flew through the room. Hitler had just leant over the table to examine a position that Heusinger was pointing out on the map when his chair was torn from under him. His clothing, like that of all the others, was shredded: his trousers hung in ribbons down his legs. The great oak table had collapsed, its top blown to pieces. The first sound to be heard amid all the smoke and devastation was Keitel's voice, pleading "Where's the Führer?"

As Hitler stumbled to his feet, Keitel flew to him, taking him in his arms and crying, "My Führer, you're alive, you're alive!"

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As Archers fans prepare to board a special cruise, Libby Purves tells of her love-hate

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Archers, 1950s-style: Grace Fairbrother (played by Ysanne Churchman), left, and Phil Archer (Norman Painting); centre: Christine Archer (Pamela Mant) and Grace; and Peggy Archer (Thelma Rogers), Mrs Perkins (Pauline Seville) and Jack Archer (Denis Folwell)

Somebody had to hit Shula

Even on holiday, I know with a horrible certainty that my hand will grope for the radio at five past seven. Even in mainland Europe, the habit does not fade, thanks to long-wave. Or if it does, it is only because of *Test Match Special*. We shall rage at them: "Get off! Never mind ball-by-ball commentary; we want to know whether Simon's going to hit Shula again!"

We do not care about silly mid-off, for we have much sillier skills to exercise: like diagnosing an ectopic pregnancy from ten words of dialogue, or deconstructing the 18 regional accents that make up the speech of Jolene Rogers, Ambridge's answer to Dolly Parton.

What do we see in this ever more absurd radio soap, we shamefaced addicts? Our husbands and wives do not understand, our children yawn and grumble, our flatmates slam out in disgust. Still we demand our 15-minute fix, using the surreal banality of Ambridge to cushion us between the working day and the evening.

A SHAMEFACED CONFESSION

Sometimes, nothing happens in that quarter-hour. On other days it is filled with the tedious bellyaching of the womenfolk (some of us were thrilled when Simon hit Shula: somebody had to). On special days they oblige us with melodrama: a squeal of brakes and a shriek of "Caroline! No-o-o-o!", or the final gurgle of Mr Pemberton, who must have seen it coming, since the scriptwriters rashly made him just too damn nice to live. Sometimes leaden comedy stumps across the stage, with some amusing (and, of course, working-class) character being a lovable rogue. Sometimes it is an Issue. The producers clearly send one another e-mails full of these Big Issues: *Woman-priest controversy, progressed, OK — obviously, she wins in the end — bankruptcy, none for 20 years, what about Robert Snell? Poss. for Lynda to lose car, take up cycling, comic relief — NB, green message here . . . good! — ?? Worried about widowhood theme — not sure we made all the points about the grieving process with Shula, perhaps we could widow Caroline and they could discuss it all over again — Kate and drugs??? anorexia? Not Aids, anyway . . .*



Norman Painting and Patricia Greene

There are certain technical points beloved of *Archers* aficionados: we enjoy the convention whereby not only do they never listen to the radio, they have not discovered the telephone. To avoid tinny sound quality, characters who in real life would ring one another are forced to open sound-effect doors with "Oh, Clarrie — about the Playground Committee", or "Jill — I'm glad you're in . . . ".

Yet we are hopelessly wedded to this tosh. Some purport to take it lightly, as a campish cult: many members of the Archers Addicts fan club have that attitude, as do certain cast members. The actor playing Mark Hebden broke ranks after his "car accident", observing: "My character was very boring, and deserved to die." Even as his stricken and IVF-pregnant wife was emoting nightly over his loss.

Yet even those who mock are listeners. It is not that we come to mock and stay to worship; we come to mock and stay to mock. But we stay. So in the end, they win.

Sociologists moot the idea that we cling to soaps because we have lost our real communities, but this will not wash: too many *Archers* listeners are members of parish councils. Other theorists claim a harking-back to a vanished rural idyll: yet Ambridge has spent the past ten years going on and on about grim modernity, from a young working-class mother thrown into jail to a middle-class hippy daughter who puts marijuana in her parents' dinner and then overdoses.

Anyone wanting the rural idyll might have to hang about for several episodes before scoring a token reference to the cow-parsley on Lakey Hill.

So never mind why. We listen because it is there, because we know the characters, because it is short. It is garden-fence gossip, formless and pointless and never-ending, but without the guilt of involving real people. We are free to ill-wish the lot of them: whining Susan, poseuse Jennifer, smug Lizzie, Brian the right-wing cad, thick Sid.

Yes, maybe that's it: we listen because we hate them so much.

LIBBY PURVES

HOW AMBRIDGE TOOK TO THE HIGH SEAS



The Oriana

LAST September a tantalising travel promotion appeared in the *Radio Times* inviting readers to "Join The Archers" on a 13-night cruise aboard P&O's *Oriana*.

The *Oriana* leaves Southampton tomorrow, and in among the 1,760 passengers there will be about 300 *Archers* fans. Originally fans were promised six Ambridge residents, but Eddie Grundy and Elizabeth Pargetter have now joined Lynda Snell, Joe Grundy, Pat Archer, Debbie Aldridge, Mike Tucker and Kathy Perks on board.

● Two books about the series will come out in the next few months. One is written by the programme's current editor, Vanessa Whitburn, and entitled *The Archers: The Inside Story*. The other, *The Archers Story*, an unauthorised version, is by a previous editor, William Smethurst.

GRACE BRADBERRY

Sailing into a lifelong fantasy

THE FANS' STORIES

Barbara Smith, 75, from Oxfordshire:
The Archers has a sense of place and time. It is rooted in a recognisable community. Although I have been unsettled by some of the more modish storylines that have crept in during recent years, there is still something charming about the show. I hope it never changes to the extent that older listeners are alienated.

The highlight of the cruise promises to be the black-and-white ball, for which I have bought a special outfit. I can't wait. I have been on cruises before but this one is different because my granddaughter, Pippa, is coming with me — even though she knows nothing about *The Archers*.

We will be sharing a twin-bed cabin and the overall cost is £4,000. That the stars of the show will also be on board swayed my decision to go, but meeting the cast is not my top priority.

Pippa Franklin, 18, from Long Hanborough in Oxfordshire:
I am very excited about the cruise. My friends have been mocking me for going but I don't care. What most amuses them is that I have never listened to *The Archers*. I nearly died when my grandmother asked me to go with her. I thought she was joking. I said, "Do you really need to ask?" — I am so excited.

I'll pack some smart clothes for the evening events, one or two black dresses and some more casual clothes for the various ports of call.

I feel a bit guilty about going because my mum is an *Archers* fan and she would have loved to come herself.

Robert Girling, 54, from Selkirk, Scotland:
I've listened to *The Archers* nearly every week since the 1950s. I like the way it covers different generations and they go on developing.

I am going by myself on the cruise and sharing a four-bed cabin. I imagine the shared interest in *The Archers* will be something to talk about, but I think there will be other people there besides *Archers* fans.

The character I would most like to meet is pub landlord Sid Perks, played by Alan Devereux. I'm also looking forward to meeting others who have been on the show from the beginning.

Margery Rowe, 68, from Canterbury:
As a committed follower of *The Archers* since the 1950s and a fan of cruises, this trip provides an ideal opportunity to get closer to the characters who have become almost like friends to me. This is my one big holiday of the year and I have saved hard for it.

I think that in many ways, *The Archers* carries me away from everyday cares. It is a voice of stability in a changing world. I am an ordinary middle-of-the-road person and I am English and proud of it, and *The Archers* speaks to me in a way that I understand. It is contemporary without being crass.

My favourite characters are Phil and Pat Archer: they typify my generation and share my values. I don't have a favourite episode, but for some reason I always remember the one in which they painted the cowsheds blue to deter flies.

Margaret Cotton, 63, from Birmingham:
In December last year I was diagnosed with breast cancer, and since then I have had an operation and radiotherapy. The thought of going on the cruise for *Archers* addicts with my husband kept me going.

I have never been abroad before. It has cost us about £5,500 and we still have to find our spending money. But it will be worth it. The doctors have also told me that they



Pippa Franklin and Barbara Smith

don't want to see me until December, so everything is set up for a wonderful experience.

Hilary Fisher, 33, from Hereford:
My mother's family were all farming people and I can relate to much of what happens in *The Archers*. I grew up with the programme: my mother was a fan and so is my husband Andrew, who's coming on the cruise with me. Anyone who rings our house at five past seven in the evening gets short shrift.

This holiday is special — Andrew and I haven't had a two-week holiday since we married seven years ago. With all the extras, such as new clothes, a camcorder and cameras, it is costing something like £7,000. Although it is the cruise that attracted us, we collect *Archers* memorabilia, and the thought of meeting some of the characters is the icing on the cake.

Susan Reeves, 46, from Heywood, Lancashire:
I'm going by myself. I'm divorced and don't have children. I'm not packing anything special for the trip, though I'll take my *Archers* sweatshirt.

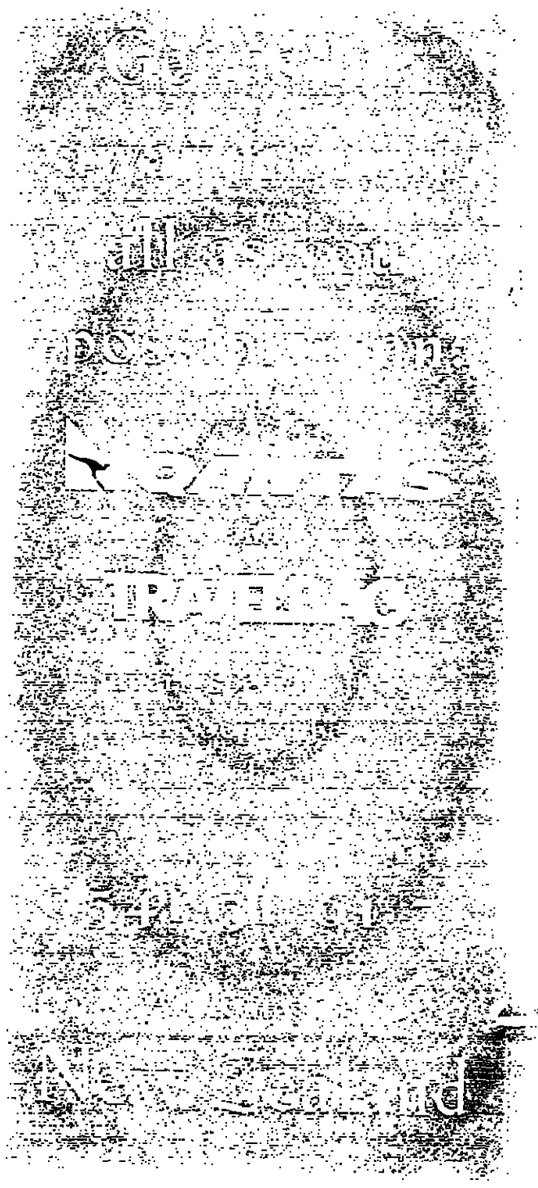
I've been listening to *The Archers* since I was about four. My grandfather was a farmer in Lancashire, and it would be on in the kitchen. Then it was more farmers' propaganda, not like today.

I like the characters because I feel I've grown up with them. I listen every day, then again to the omnibus. But I haven't reached the stage where I send a wreath to their funerals.

Gill Reynolds, 57, from Matlock, Derbyshire:
I'm a widow and I'm going with my partner, Tony, who's not an *Archers* fan. This is our big holiday for the year.

It's hard to pick out favourite episodes, but I liked the one with Shula and the detestable Simon Pemberton about three or four weeks ago. Joe Grundy will be interesting to see as a normal person, and Linda Snell's going to be on the boat. I hope someone sorts her out . . .

I like Shula, but she's so goody-goody. And I like Pat Archer, although she's a bit too feminist. I sometimes feel they've killed off too many people in the series. It's getting like *EastEnders*.



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relationship with radio's most famous soap — and an editor tells the inside story of Ambridge

'It is easy for an editor to make a character disappear'

LIZ RIGBEY, EDITOR 1986-89

No one disagrees with the editor of *The Archers*. I came from busy newsrooms where I was used to arguing my case and I was astonished when I arrived in Ambridge to find that my ideas nearly always went unchallenged. I had absolute power within that little world and it was by far the most terrifying aspect of the job.

At that time I was the youngest-ever editor and the first woman. I had been offered the editor's chair out of the blue: there was no application or interview procedure but mysterious phone calls and an informal lunch. I started work knowing nothing about scripts, actors or studios. The previous editor had left for the ailing TV soap, *Crossroads*. He took most of the staff, and nearly all of the writers. Some of the *Archers* actors were also offered big television money to go to the ill-fated Crossroads Motel, and thus some favourites, like Elizabeth and Nigel, were unavailable to me. Ambridge was a sort of *Mary Celeste* when I arrived. Luckily, I was still under 30 and full of confidence and none of this really bothered me.

The editor has all the power of a medieval monarch and my colleagues had learnt during previous reigns not to risk their heads with too much plain-speaking.

The actors were especially cowed. They are an exceptionally good-natured cast and over the years have not always been treated kindly. They are paid for each episode in which they appear. Editors have direct control over storylines and thus the income of individual actors. It is all too easy for an editor to confuse the personal and the professional. One actress had a few too many drinks at a celebration and told the then editor some home truths and threw up in his lap. She was never heard of again. It is easy enough for a vindictive editor to make a character disappear without actually writing them out. The character is referred to often enough to keep a sense of his presence in the programme when he may actually be unheard for many months. Eventually the audience notices and the character becomes a national joke. But behind the hilarious Unheard of Ambridge is an actor who is not laughing.

This cynical method, employed by some of the more unscrupulous editors over the years, was not restricted to the peripheral characters. No one was safe. Your character might be one of the best-known and best-loved but, as one such actor discovered, once your place in the audience's consciousness has been established, you only need a few appearances a year to remain there. After some ill-considered words to the editor, one character appeared so infrequently he was forced to sell his house.

There are many such instances of editors abusing their power. I do not find this surprising now that I have experienced absolute power myself. It is hard not to be corrupted by it.

The actors tried not to upset me, fearing the consequences, but, unwittingly, most of them did. The writing team was in such chaos that I often had to write or rewrite scripts myself. Of course, my name wasn't on them. When I arrived in studio to direct, the actors, thinking the writer was not present, would cruelly savage my work, line by line. (Shula and Caroline, riding on Lakey Hill, were supposed to enthuse about the view. The line read "I love the special green of new spring leaves against a clear sky".) "What a dreadful piece of radio overwriting," one of them said between takes. "Appalling," agreed the other.

I would go home and cry but I knew that no writer could hope for more direct criticism and I improved as fast as I could just to cut down on my suffering in studio. I have a lot to thank the cast for: they taught me more than they know.

I look back on my *Archers* days with great affection and nostalgia. It was an intense experience because then the programme was understaffed and so I worked junior doctor hours. We had a system but were generally in a state of crisis: there were nervous breakdowns, illnesses, and, because of the programme's advanced age, a number of deaths. All of these had an effect on the programme itself and on those who worked on it.

I knew it was time to leave when I had broadcast my third Ambridge Over-60s outing. My learning curve had been vertical, my critics were silent and I had begun to win awards. I had a good writing team and a happy cast and, like a conscientious farmer, planned to leave my land in good heart.

Of course, once I had played my Get Out Of Jail Free card I missed the old place. It was like leaving my own family and I still look on my resignation as the bravest thing I have ever done. But I knew what I needed — time to adjust to the real world.

Surprise after surprise

GUY'S STORY

HUGH DICKSON played Guy Pemberton, introduced to the cast in 1993, but killed off by a heart attack earlier this year, in the middle of a storyline about his rocky relationship with his son Simon.

I wouldn't say Guy interested me greatly, but he was a pleasant character to play. When I got the part I was told he was a wealthy, friendly, likeable man who also knew his own mind. I didn't know he would marry Caroline, and Guy became a lot more interesting as a result.

He was basically killed off to get the storyline moving. I was a bit surprised to be written out when I was. We were right in the middle of a dramatic storyline involving Simon, and suddenly I dropped dead of a heart attack. Of course, I was told well before I saw the script, but even so . . .

The arrival of Simon had been another surprise for me. I'd always known I had a son, and he was often mentioned in the script, but when he joined the series he seemed a rather unlikely character to be my son. Guy was so pleasant, and Simon was deliberately written to be the opposite. The episode when he hit Shula was certainly intended to shock. I know one or two members of the cast have thought they had good ideas they could put up, but I've never heard of anyone ringing up the writers to suggest ideas.

Among the cast, things were always very friendly. There's certainly not a hierarchy, though I suppose the brat-pack might tend to stick together a bit more. I knew Norman Painting and Jack May from our days as undergraduates in Oxford, and there were other people I'd worked with before. I very much enjoyed working with Sara Coward, who plays Caroline, but we didn't socialise outside the studio because I always had to get back to London.

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Ambridge stars: Timothy Bentinck (David Archer), Felicity Finch (Ruth Archer), Graham Seed (Nigel Pargetter) and Alison Dowling (Elizabeth Pargetter)

Why Grace had to die

THE FOUNDER

GODFREY BASELEY, 91, devised *The Archers* in 1951 and was the original series editor.

I have watched the programme change for the worse over the years. There is now too much sex and violence. *The Archers* I knew was very clean. It was created as an educational programme for the farming community and it succeeded on those terms.

Each episode was full of hints and information for farmers and kept them in touch with the latest developments. The notion that a programme can both inform and entertain seems to be dying now.

When we originally devised it, the aim was to create a sort of country *Dick Barton* without the violence. On my instructions, the writers Geoffrey Webb and Edward Mason worked on scripts and on creating characters, many of whom were based on people I knew or had met.

The original actors were all amateurs and had day jobs. Dan Archer worked as a pottery designer, Doris Archer had her own shop and Simon the farmworker had a job in an employment exchange. We used amateurs because our budget was so small and we could not afford to pay professional actors. We paid each actor two guineas per episode.

I was amazed and delighted at how the show was received. Before long we had replaced *Dick Barton* as the regular series on radio and the cult of *The Archers* began to develop.

Although most of the team got on well, there was sometimes unrest behind the scenes. The actress who played Grace Archer, Ysanne Churchman, worried me. She was a strong supporter of trade unions and I was concerned that she might unsettle the other actors. So I decided to kill her off. She died in a fire: the story, which coincided with the first night of commercial television, was front-page news.

Interviews by Jason Cowley, Grace Bradberry and Joe Joseph

So dull, I was axed

MARK'S STORY

RICHARD Derrington, 46, played Mark Hebden from 1980 to 1994. Mark married Shula Archer in 1985, but was killed off in a car crash in 1994 because he was considered boring. Richard is married with two children.

Mark was brought in as one more boyfriend for Shula Archer. She'd had quite a string of them and they were looking for the right one. My brief was: "Look, he's very nice, very ordinary, just do him for six months." That was always Mark's downfall. He was never going to be really interesting.

Two or three years before he was killed off, I knew they'd run out of story ideas for him. I'd tried doing new things, but you can't suddenly change a character you've played for ten years.

One of the problems that Mark and Shula had was that very few of the writers were good at the conventional, middle-class characters. It's much easier to write for comics and out-and-out baddies. I think some actors spent time cultivating the writers. They would phone them up and suggest storylines. But the show just wasn't central enough to my life for me to bother.

It's a funny thing, but I didn't even know the rest of the cast that well. You were only recording for one week each month, so you went in, did your bit, and headed home. I was married to Shula, but I don't really know Judy Bennett. She's never come to my house, I've never been to her's.

One of the first things you realise is that you're in the power of the editor. There are no contracts, so if you're awkward you could find yourself written out for three months. William Smethurst was my first editor and, while I like him very much, he was ruthless.

On the other hand, every successful editor of *The Archers* is ruthless. People were very shocked at the way Vanessa Whitburn treated me, but I wasn't. Mark had always been a bit dull and there are times when an editor has to say "This won't do". Every editor feels they must put their stamp on the programme.

Of course, I sometimes disagreed with editors, but I would never have said so. I always believed that the programme existed because it was a slice of a forgotten age, a sort of comfort blanket. Vanessa's decision to upset that was very dangerous. But it may be that it was a brilliant stroke on her part — I don't listen often enough to know.

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ARTS THE WEEK AHEAD



■ OPERA

Richard Eyre's sumptuous staging of *La Traviata* returns to the Royal Opera House

OPENS: Tonight
REVIEW: Wednesday



■ POP

Mellow and tender Jackson Browne strums his lonesome stuff in the Albert Hall

GIGS: Tonight, tomorrow
REVIEW: Wednesday



■ DANCE

Dame Marie Rambert's company celebrates its 70th birthday with its first Coliseum season

OPENS: Tomorrow
REVIEW: Friday



■ MUSICAL

Another *Les Mis?* Boublil and Schonberg unveil *Martin Guerre* at the Prince Edward

OPENS: Wednesday
REVIEW: Friday

COMEDY

Also-ran finishes first

EVEN multimillionaires get the blues. Wealthy and influential he may be in reality, yet Bill Cosby still portrays himself as one of life's friendly also-rans, bewildered by low-fat diets, forever outsmarted by his wife and children, not to mention his housekeeper.

His stand-up comedy routine drew on the same basic formula as his long-running television series, but with less of the sentimentality: flatulence and his sense of his own mortality are not exactly prime-time material. Left to his own devices, with only a chair for a prop, he was free to deliver a masterclass in low-

Bill Cosby
Albert Hall

key comic timing. Though many of his observations about domestic life are grounded in his memories of his parents and grandparents, most belong to the all-American Dagwood and Blondie tradition of marital misunderstandings. Race is never much of an issue. Cosby assumes we are grown-up enough not to need homilies about discrimination.

On the only occasion he ventured in that direction, it was in a beautifully observed sketch of his daughter's college graduation ceremony, where hard-working immigrants from Asia and Africa walk off with the best degrees and the Generation X natives strut across the stage, celebrating their underachievement. He was too genial, too avuncular to labour the point. Sometimes, it must be said, a little more grit would have been welcome.

Slightly over-long, the two-hour show lapsed into a superfluous, and not particularly original dentist's-chair sequence at the very end. For most of the evening, however, Cosby had given the kind of sure-footed improvisatory performance appropriate to his slot in the newly-funkied JVC Jazz & Soul Festival. Toying with subjects such as a saxophonist playing a riff, he reduced the cavernous auditorium to the cosier dimensions of a nightclub. No mean feat.

CLIVE DAVIS

Debra Craine on Rambert Dance Company's plans to mark its 70th birthday

Lion set for Coliseum



In the two years since he took over as artistic director, Christopher Bruce has seen Rambert progress in leaps and bounds

Five years ago the very idea of Rambert Dance Company playing the Coliseum was unthinkable. As a contemporary dance troupe sworn to eschew pointe shoes and princes, it offered the kind of art that was lucky to fill a house half as big as the 2,300-seater Coliseum. But that was before Christopher Bruce took over as artistic director. And Bruce is not one to think small.

So this summer, with Rambert celebrating its seventieth anniversary and its return to London after a four-year absence, Bruce wanted to make a big splash. Hence the Coliseum season, which starts tomorrow night.

"The Coliseum represents a huge financial gamble for us," Bruce admits. "To take contemporary dance there, when no other British contemporary dance company has ever been to the Coliseum . . . But I have no doubts about the quality of this company: we are in the Coliseum because we deserve to be there. And I think we deserve audiences of around 2,000 a night."

Trying to draw larger audiences has been a priority for Bruce ever since he took charge of a revamped Rambert two years ago. A priority, since audiences just couldn't get any worse. And, with Bruce using his enhanced Arts Council funding and his bigger company to open up the repertoire to a wider variety of styles, audiences have started to come back.

"I wanted a company that could turn its hand to anything," Bruce explains. "So if you go one evening you will see one side of Rambert, another evening a totally other face. Now I think I'm drawing people who would also go to see ballet. In the past season, our second year together, we performed to more people on tour in a year than Rambert as a contemporary dance company has performed to in any previous year.

"I feel I have put the company on a certain level, drawn a certain response from audiences. The reputation is there: we're asked a lot for foreign tours. Our repertoire is very wide, we have great versatility as a company, there is plenty of strong, powerful dancing on stage and we are making a real impression internationally."

Now it's time to make a real impression on London audiences, who won't recognise Rambert from its last appearance in the capital in 1992. "There is a certain artistic cachet about London that we need, and there is a huge Rambert audience in London that deserves to see us. After this season at the Coliseum I want to make it a regular thing that we come into London at least once a year and I want to expand those seasons, do specific projects for different kinds of spaces."

The seventieth anniversary season at the Coliseum has been designed to celebrate Rambert's newfound versatility and its illustrious history. There are works by outside choreographers (Jiri Kylian and Ohad Naharin), a revival of a contemporary classic from the now-defunct London Contemporary Dance Theatre (Robert Cohan's *Stabat Mater*), and a rare revival of *Dark Elegies*, which Antony Tudor created for Ballet Rambert (as it was then known) in 1937 when Rambert women all wore pointe shoes. And, as befits a company with one of the most successful choreographers in the world at its head, the work of Bruce himself will be well represented. And, yes, his ever-popular *Rooster* (set to songs by the Rolling Stones) is on the bill.

"Oh yeah, I am always under pressure to make more *Roosters*," says the man whose string of greatest hits also includes *Swansong*, *Ghost Dances* and *Cruel Garden*. "But I'm hoping that the company's reputation is at a level where I can quietly experiment a little more, take more chances myself and not feel that I've got to produce the blockbusters."

> "We deserve audiences of around 2,000 a night"

Bruce's own connection to Rambert goes back nearly 40 years. He trained at the school in 1959 and joined Rambert in 1963, when it was still a classical ballet company. After Rambert transformed itself into a contemporary dance outfit in 1966, Bruce emerged as its leading dancer; during the next 20 years he became its most important choreographer. Bruce was also the last to be nurtured by the late Marie Rambert, whom he honours with a new work, *Quicksilver*, which receives its world premiere at the Coliseum on Wednesday night. "She was never the most far-sighted person in terms of planning and management," Bruce says. "She was all of the moment — inspiration in the studio and the theatre — but she was not able to really secure a future in the way that de Valois did for the Royal Ballet. But her love of movement, her love of the arts, her dedication, her ruthlessness: I wanted to pay tribute to the qualities that have kept the company alive for 70 years.

"I went back to this old sepia photograph of her as a young girl holding this straw hat, a hat she insisted on having in the photograph. It epitomised her stubborn streak. The core of the work is the fact that I am wearing the hat now. All those people who have passed through, we've all worn the hat for a while. I wanted to say something about passing on from one generation to another, a celebration of dance, but then passing on to someone else."

● *Rambert Dance Company is at the Coliseum (0171-632 8300) from tomorrow night until Saturday*

The British have their say

OPERA: **Rodney Milnes** on the premieres of new works by Peter Maxwell Davies and John Woolrich

Last week was quite a week: two new German operas at the start of it, two new British ones at the end, not bad for a form that is supposed to be moribund. The first thing to be said about Peter Maxwell Davies's new piece to celebrate the Welsh National Opera's 50th anniversary is that he has fulfilled his commission with positively Britteresque "usefulness" and practicability. **The Doctor of Myddfai** is on a Welsh subject, shows off the famous chorus to magnificent effect, and also gives them many small roles to sing. It is a real company show, and Friday's premiere at the New Theatre in Cardiff was conducted by the former long-serving music director Richard Armstrong and directed by David Pountney, who has had a relationship with WNO all his working life.

Pountney's libretto, despite being "set in Europe in the near future" and dealing with a tyrannous Ruler, faceless bureaucrats, a mysterious disease and general beastliness to the Brits, is not based on an idea by William Cash. The source is a Welsh legend about ancient healing powers handed down through successive Doctors of Myddfai. The present Doctor goes to a 1984-ish Europe to confront the Ruler about an unacknowledged plague, infects the Ruler himself, becomes corrupted in the seat of power, and disappears to leave his 12-year-old daughter as the new Doctor.

At the centre of each short act — about 90 minutes of music in all — is a compelling dialogue between Doctor and Ruler on the subject of power and idealism strongly reminiscent of the scene for Philip II and Posa in *Don Carlos*; each is cogently set by Maxwell Davies in his late, fined-down style, each the centrepiece of an expertly structured two-part musico-dramatic whole. Maxwell Davies is not shy of the big operatic gesture: the scene of fervent Welsh hymn-singing interrupting the bureaucrats' deliberations packs a huge punch, and each act builds to a stirring climax.

If there have to be problems in so concise and ambitious a work, then they are to do with audibility. The composer slips into Shostakovich-ironic mode for the bureaucrat scenes — much shrieking woodwind — and this combined with his angular, slightly mechanical word-setting means that too much text goes missing. Composer and librettist are doubtless addressing the problem.

I wasn't too sure about the grey, modernistic Huntley/Muir decor, but Pountney's production certainly gripped the first-night audience and there are two fabulous central performances. Paul Whelan's Doctor has authentic fervour and suggests creeping corruption with uncomfortable vividness: the scene in which, dressed as a woman, he infects the Ruler is decidedly unsettling. Gwynne Howell's Ruler is, like Verdi's Philip II, much more than a conventional villain, a figure of awareness and depth. They make a compelling pair of constantly shifting antagonists. The many supporting roles are taken with enthusiasm.

It was bad luck on John Woolrich that his first opera, **In the House of Crossed Desires**, commissioned for



Cardiff premiere: Gwynne Howell and Paul Whelan

Music Theatre Wales to open the Cheltenham Festival, should have been premiered the following evening (at the Everyman Theatre) — comparisons can only be odious. Marina Warner's libretto is inspired by Apuleius's *The Golden Ass* and seen through the prism of the *commedia dell'arte*. Girl-dressed-as-boy (Columbine), overprotective guardian-magician (Pantaleone), Harlequin-turned-into-donkey, Mezzetin-dressed-as-girl, two further roles, all performed by a cast of four women. Not so much gender-confusion as gender-yawn. The action ends abruptly with the intervention of a *deus ex machina*, and one is simply left wondering "so what?".

Warner's text is bluntly phrased, and there is not much that Woolrich's easy, natural word-setting can do with it. The picaresque action suggests speed and dash, but the score proceeds at an unvarying moderato and for all the engaging colour he draws from just five players remains defiantly undramatic. This defeated the director Michael McCarthy: none of the characters sprang to theatrical life. The cast (Susan Gorton, Adey Grummet, Debra Stuart and Buddug Verona James) worked themselves silly to little avail. Michael Rafferty conducted as best he could.

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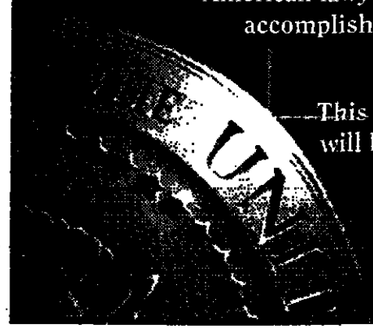
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Rattle conducts the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment's birthday concert in the *Queen Elizabeth Hall*

CONCERT: Saturday
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ARTS
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CONCERTS: The Three Tenors play Wembley; plus the CBSO returns home



MARTIN GEDDALL

Though the combined years of Placido Domingo (left), José Carreras (centre) and Luciano Pavarotti now total 165, their power remains thrilling

Singin' in the rain

What is it about Luciano Pavarotti and the British climate? A few years ago he played Hyde Park, and the heavens opened. On Saturday he and his fellow tenors, José Carreras and Placido Domingo, sang in Wembley Stadium, and again we all got a soaking.

Well, not quite all. In a wonderful reversal of the norm, those in "cheap" (£100) seats found themselves protected by the stadium roof, while those who had paid hundreds to be seated on the pitch were obliged to wring out their Versaces in the interval. A remarkable sight. The definition of a very rich person, by the way, is not someone who can afford a £995 VIP ticket, but someone who buys a £995 ticket and then leaves after 30 minutes because it's raining.

Yet nearly all the 50,000 crowd stuck it out and enjoyed themselves hugely. The royal box side of the stadium was entirely occupied by the vast stage. The decor? Roman Colosseum meets Tesco superstore, I think. Two huge screens projected our heroes in close-up, while giant banks of speakers sent their top notes and ever-more extravagant trills — along with the spirited accompaniments of James Levine and the Philharmonia Orchestra — to all corners of northwest London.

And what top notes! Though the tenors' combined years now total 165, their power remains thrilling. Early on, Carreras gave cause for concern. His pitch slithered, his upper register sounded forced. But he brought a searing intensity even to sugary ditties like *Granada*, and later seemed to reclaim his former, silvery lustre.

The new, slimline Pavarotti played rather safe. His sun-kissed timbre is still there; so is the handkerchief (not that much brow-mopping was needed in this weather). But some flamboyance has been shed along with the excess blubber. *Nessun dorma* was solid but tame.

On this occasion he was outperformed by Domingo, who was in inspired form. *E lucevan le stelle* sent shivers down the spine, and he lavished such honeyed charm on a Lehár aria that Wembley gave him the kind of roar usually reserved for Alan Shearer. There was great enthusiasm, too, when all three tenors came together for two medleys arranged by *Lalo Schifrin: ripe mixtures of Broadway hits* (sung in English — I think), Neapolitan foot-stampers, Spanish serenades and the inevitable *O sole mio*.

Of course the Three Tenors circus, currently criss-crossing the globe in ten lucrative leaps, is largely a cocktail of showmanship, hype and frantic merchandising. That this trio should reap so much fame and fortune, while other magnificent musicians languish in poverty and obscurity, does seem unfair.

But to deny the phenomenal charisma of these singers, when it has been so palpably demonstrated in such *damp circumstances, would be churlish* and daft. The Three Tenors may not provide the most sophisticated musical fare in the world, or even in Wembley. But thousands come away from their concerts happy, and you can't always *say that after spending £350 to sit in the* rain.

RICHARD MORRISON

Travellers out of sorts

CBSO/Rattle
Symphony Hall, Birmingham

BACK in Birmingham after their heady month with *Jenufa* in Paris, Sir Simon Rattle and the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra are not yet in touch with the reality of their Summer Concert series in Symphony Hall. The marginal disagreement in ensemble in *The Marriage of Figaro* Overture suggested that they did not quite know where they were at the beginning of the concert. The false brass entry, or whatever it was that intruded on the harmonic predictability of Ravel's *Bolero*, confirmed that they were still not sure by the end.

The central feature in the programme was to have been Martha Argerich playing both Bartók's and Prokofiev's Third Piano Concertos. In her absence through indisposition, Rattle and Leif Ove Andsnes took the opportunity to develop their mutual relationship with Brahms's Piano Concerto No 1 in D minor.

And there does seem to be room for development. What they offered on this occasion was a tame interpretation, with the pianist seriously underpowered and occasionally struggling in the first movement while the conductor somewhat self-consciously attempted to inject an element of passion wherever the orchestra has a significant contribution to make.

It is true that the big-fisted assault is not the only way to approach the Piano Concerto in D minor. Andsnes demonstrated how much of the heart of the work can be revealed through tact and gentle intimacy — particularly in the slow movement. But without a full-scale characterisation of the emotional turmoil, the poetic revelations are inevitably less meaningful.

Even so, the shock to the nervous system occasioned by associating that Brahms with the Dukas of *The Sorcerer's Apprentice* indicated that Rattle and Andsnes must have got something right about the stature and integrity of the piece.

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MUSIC FOR YOUTH: More than 5,000 of Britain's best young musicians, singers and dancers, aged from four to 19, show off their talents over the coming week at the 26th National Festival of Music for Youth. The European Music for Youth Prize for Piano (10.30am-6pm) and a Music Trades Exhibition (1.30-6pm) are among today's events. South Bank, SE1 (0171-960 4242 for further information). Today-Sat, various times and venues.

NORTHANGER ABBEY: Sarah Jane Holm plays Jane Austen's young victim of the Gothic shock-horror romance, the video nasties of her day. Matthew Francis directs his own adaptation. **Greenwich**, Crooms Hill, SE10 (0181-858 7755). Opens tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm. Until August 17.

ROLL WITH THE PUNCHES: Belinda Lang, George Costigan and Paul J. Medford in a sung-through musical woven from the songs of Randy Newman. Chris Bond directs. **Tricycle**, 269 Kilburn High Rd, NW6 (0171-328 1000). Opens tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm. Until August 10.

ELSEWHERE

BRIGHTON: Duncan Preston, Julia Foster and Diane Keen head an all-star cast in **Absent Friends**. Gareth Tudor

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

Price directs Alan Ayckbourn's brilliant comic dissection of marital stress, English awkwardness and social embarrassment. **Theatre Royal**, New Road (01273 328 488). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm.

CHELTENHAM: Music Theatre Wales presents a contemporary production of Stravinsky's **The Soldier's Tale**, a moral fable of good versus evil (Everyman, 8pm); repeat performance tomorrow. Meanwhile, over in the Pittville Pump Room (tonight, 8pm), the **Borodin Quartet** plays music by Shostakovich, Svetlanov and Beethoven. Highlights tomorrow include a flute recital by **Emily Beynon** (Pittville Pump Room, 11am) and **Richard Rodney Bennett** performing in cabaret (Town Hall, 7pm). **Festival box office** (01242 227 979), for information and tickets.

EXETER: The flautist James Galway conducts the **London Mozart Players** in Rossini's *Overture, The Italian Girl in Algiers, Mozart's Jupiter Symphony and* Flute Concerto No 2 and Mendelssohn's *Italian Symphony*. Tomorrow, this popular chamber orchestra will play at the International Musical Eisteddfod in Llangollen, Reg 01978 860 236 for tickets and further information. **University Great Hall**, Stocker Road (01392 489 123). Tonight, 7.30pm.

NEWCASTLE: All aboard the Deadwood stage as Gemma Craven plays the rootin'-tootin' tomboy, **Calamity Jane** with Stephen McGann as Wild Bill Hickok. Paul Kerryson's production of the musical of the film of the legend is a delightful mixture of comedy, drama, chorus girls and well-loved show tunes. **Theatre Royal**, Grey Street (0191-232 2061). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mats, Thurs, 2pm, Sat, 2.30pm.

LONDON GALLERIES

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
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☐ **CHAPTER TWO**: Tom Conti and Sharon Gless play unattached New Yorkers whirling towards each other in Neil Simon's comedy. Not his best. **Gielgud**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5065). Mon-Fri, 8pm; Sat, 8.15pm; mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. Until July 13

☐ **THE CHOICE**: Eve Matheson plays the mother-to-be in Claire Luckham's moving and semi-autobiographical play about loving a Down's syndrome child. Judged Best New Play in the Martini TMA Awards. Dominic Hill directs. **Orange Tree**, Clarence St, Richmond (0181-940 0141). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs (July 11), 2.30pm; Sat, 4pm. Until July 27.

☐ **COMEDY OF ERRORS**: The New *Shakespeare Company's season opens* with Claire Lyth's production of the Bard's double-twin mix-up. Cast includes Debra Beaumont and Paula Wilcox. In rep. **Open Air Theatre**, Regent's Park, NW1 (0171-486 2431). Tonight-Wed, 8pm; mat Wed, 2.30pm.

☐ ***FLESH AND BLOOD***: *Third of Mike* Alfreds's productions in the Method & Madness season, and third play in Philip Osment's Devon trilogy: long-suppressed jealousies on a remote farm. **Lyric**, King Street, W6 (0181-741 2311). Tonight and tomorrow, 7.30pm. In rep.

◪ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS**: Stephen *Daldry's powerful production, with David* Ross as the all-knowing Inspector, and *Edward Peel and Estelle Kohler as the* pillars of society. **Garrick**, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm; Sat, 8.15pm; mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5pm

☐ **THE INVISIBLE WOMAN**: Paul Godfrey updates old Roman comedy (yes) of night-time rape and secret pregnancy. Short, tart and ingenious. **Gate**, 11 Pembridge Rd, W11 (0171-229 5387). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm

☐ **JOHN'S MAIDS**: Beth Wood's Thorndike Studio production, here as part of the Merton Arts Festival: imaginary account of Jean Genet having two actresses to play the desperate, *hate-filled servants in The Maids*. **Wimbledon Studio**, 103 Broadway, SW19 (0181-542 6141). Preview tonight, 8pm. Opens tomorrow, 8pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm. Until July 27

☐ **THE ODD COUPLE**: Jack Klugman and Tony Randall play the two divorced husbands, slob and fusspot, in an *enjoyable revival of Neil Simon's* comedy. **Theatre Royal**, Haymarket, SW1 (0171-930 8800). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat 8.15pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

☐ **RICHARD III**: David Troughton plays the king as a psychopathic court jester in Steven Pimlott's arresting production, up from Stratford. **Barbican**, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight and tomorrow, 7.15pm.

■ **WAR AND PEACE**: Shared *Experience's treatment of Tolstoy's* novel tells the story but forfeits the feel and context. **National** (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight, 6.30pm tomorrow, 2pm. In rep.

LONG RUNNERS

☐ ***Blood Brothers***: *Phoenix* (0171-369 1733) . . ☐ ***Buddy***: Strand (0171-930 8800) . . ◪ **Cats**, New London (0171-405 0072) . . ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (0171-494 5070) ☐ **Fame: The Musical**: Cambridge (0171-494 5083) . . ☐ **Jelson** Victoria Palace (0171-834 1317) . . ◪ **Miss Saigon**, Drury Lane (0171-494 5400) ☐ **The Mousetrap**, St Martin's (0171-836 1443) . . ☐ **Oliver!**: Palladium (0171-494 5020) . . . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (0171-494 5400) . . ◪ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (0171-828 8665) . . ☐ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (0171-344 0055)

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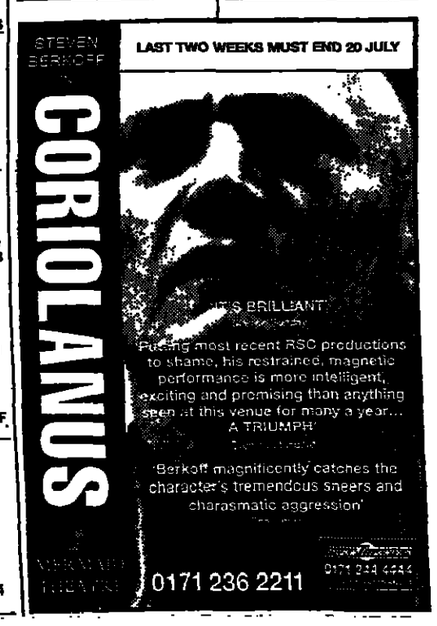
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■ If we don't believe in God, what possible foundation do we have for civil order?

It has been odd, in recent weeks, to find Nigella Lawson and George Carey almost in one another's embrace. Nigella Lawson has been writing in *The Times* pleading the cause of atheism. She said she was brought up as an atheist and that, for her, atheism is more than a failure to be persuaded of another's creed: it is almost a creed in itself. It becomes a belief system carrying values of its own, values we can live by.

Values that we can live by have been a theme of Dr Carey's recent public statements too. He has been arguing the need for morality in modern Britain, and suggesting in particular that we should rediscover moral objectivism — a confidence that right and wrong are not just a matter of personal opinion, but objective facts.

It does not escape our notice, however, that Dr Carey is the Archbishop of Canterbury. As the head (after the Queen) of the Church of England and the closest an Anglican believer can find to God's representative on Earth, the Archbishop is not a disinterested party in the matter of objective moral systems, for he is here to recommend one, a particular one. You could call it Christian Truth. It starts from the assertion of the existence of a deity, and proceeds to argue that this divine being has ordained a system of morality, the "truth" (or authority) of which springs from its ordination by this God.

The deity remains the essential, the original fact: and what this God has ordained to be our duty becomes our duty not because it will make us happier (though it may), nor because it offers a system of morality conducive to social stability, contentment and civic order (though it may), but because it is the divine will. Were it the case (as some readings, including mine, of Jesus's thought suggest) that this God would have us subvert social stability, murder contentment and wreck civic order, that would not make the morality any less divine or undermine its power to command.

One cannot, therefore, argue backwards from the apparent *workability* of a divinely ordained system of morality to its truth, its rightness, its authority, or to the existence of the divinity. Tribal religions with their accompanying moral systems may work well, but that does not mean they are true or that their gods exist. Dr Carey and his bishops may have their opinions about the morals we should live by — may be able to describe a system of human obligation which would work very well for Britain — but their authority to describe it can flow only from their claimed acquaintance with the divine will.

We should look out for two sleights of hand here. One is the attempt to import the divine will into moral pronouncements without actually mentioning it. Thus, bishops may implicitly claim (without stating the claim) to have a special authority for their pronouncements, omitting to remind their audience that only those who believe in their God should accord them this authority. Or they may try the opposite trick and seek to invest authority in their God by persuading us of the workability of their morality: "Britain needs this morality; my God has ordained this morality; therefore worship my God."

Bishops try both tricks. The second ("mankind cries out for it; therefore God wills it; therefore God") was most coherently and honestly set out by the great Bishop Joseph Butler two-and-a-half centuries ago, and is today feebly echoed in a kindly but confused way, with less candour or coherence. Very often in modern times the argument backwards from the desirability of morals to the existence of a divine moraliser has become a subconscious attempt by doubting clerics to persuade *themselves* of the truth of their calling. Though I cannot see into the mind of Tony Blair, I fear this is true of many Christian socialists.

> We may find that a stable society can be securely founded only on a lie

But what of Nigella Lawson? You may remember we left her in the embrace of George Carey. Nigella Lawson too has argued from the workability of a belief to its truth. Protesting her own disbelief in God (which I share), she goes on to say that this is not an absence of belief, but a conviction — an alternative, humanistic belief-system of its own, and a very workable one.

This, a rather Shavian view, is a dangerous jump. I am writing this in Derbyshire on Sunday, on the working assumption that News International at Wapping has not been hit by a meteorite, in which case my thoughts will not be required. However, it is only in the sense that I should be amazed to discover the opposite that this is a "conviction". If it became an article of faith that there could be no meteorite, my grip on reality would be the weaker.

It may be true (as I think) that Nigella and I have found rules to live by without God. But this does not mean that God does not exist. It could equally be the case that the loss of faith spreading throughout mankind will utterly destroy moral systems and social stability, and finally wreck human order. This would not mean that atheism was a mistake. It would mean that civil order can be securely founded only upon a lie.

Our workforce is said to lack education, yet the evidence shows the contrary, writes **Tim Congdon**

Proving British talent is best

One of Britain's great weaknesses in international economic competition is supposed to be the inadequate skills of its labour force. As part of the current debate about Britain's position in the world, this proposition has become very familiar. An example is provided by the World Economic Forum's recent annual rankings of "competitiveness". Overall, Britain had moved up a few places to stand higher than Germany, France and Italy, but is still far behind its neighbours in education and training.

The Labour Party has expressed particular concern. Tony Blair's new manifesto, *New Labour, New Life for Britain*, claims that "we have too little investment in the application of new technologies, education and skills" and adds: "Foreign investors . . . are concerned about the poor level of our skills and education." The Shadow Chancellor, Gordon Brown, is interested in theories of so-called "endogenous growth", which focus on the role played by increases in "human capital" in raising national output and living standards. He and other Labour politicians argue that Britain invests too little in human capital, as distinct from physical capital such as buildings and equipment.

A doctrine which appeals to both the World Economic Forum, an international gathering of business-minded eminent persons, and Mr Brown, a socialist politician, must surely have some substance. Much is undoubtedly wrong with Britain's education system and its vocational training, as with most countries'. But is it really true that we particularly suffer from ill-educated and underskilled workers? Is this an unsatisfactory aspect uniquely of Britain's economy and society?

If workers in this country were on average less well-educated than elsewhere, Britain ought to have lost ground most heavily in business activities in which human capital is at a premium. In other words, its share of world production ought to have fallen in industries in which skills, experience and the powers to reason and innovate are most important, and to have been maintained or increased where production depends on brawn or the constant repetition of the same task.

But that is not at all the case. Although Britain has lost market share in many industries over the past 30 years, its record is far from one of uniform failure. In some areas it has gained ground against the competition. Contrary to the World Economic Forum/Gordon Brown orthodoxy, these areas of relative strength have usually been knowledge-and-skill-intensive. They have required large inputs of human capital, not major investments in plant, equipment and buildings.

One of the most striking international successes has been in pharmaceuticals. In the early 1970s, the British pharmaceuticals industry had a surplus in international trade, but it was a long way behind its German and Swiss counterparts. Moreover, the leading German pharmaceutical companies had grown far more rapidly in the 25 years after the Second World War than the British.

But since the 1970s, British pharmaceutical companies have developed a more profitable list of new drugs and enjoyed higher growth of sales revenue than their European neighbours. They have in fact done particularly well compared with the German competitors, with Glaxo Wellcome now the largest pharmaceutical company in the world. By contrast, 25 years ago Glaxo was a relatively minor player. Now, its employees are paid an average of some £37,000 a year.

This success has been largely based on the knowledge and insights of research chemists — in other words, on the high quality of the human capital at work. Given the performance of this part of British industry over the past 25 years, it would obviously be absurd to claim that it operates with human capital inferior to that in other countries. There is a warning here against a misplaced national neurosis about our alleged "under-education".

Many international companies in a wide range of industries locate the most highly skilled and research-intensive parts of their operations in Britain, and have been doing so increasingly in the past few years. A common pattern is that design and marketing, which rely on high-quality human capital, are carried out in Britain, whereas production, dependent on machines and low-quality human capital, is done elsewhere. In particular, critics of Britain's supposed "under-education", particularly in modern high-tech activities, might puzzle about the abundance of computer skills here. The level of personal computer ownership per head is higher in Britain than in Germany, France or Italy.

One branch of economic activity is based, perhaps more than any other, on individuals' skill and judgment, on the application of human capital rather the repetition of routine tasks on machines. This is financial services. In such businesses as banking, insurance underwriting, and bond, equity and foreign exchange trading, huge risks have to be appraised and taken every day. The sums of money at stake are often enormous multiples of the salaries that the employees are being paid. Almost everything depends on the accuracy of the judgments they make and their skill in execution. But apart from a few computers and items of office equipment, machinery is still virtually irrelevant.

If Britain were deficient in human capital, it ought to lag behind other countries in international financial services. In fact, the financial services industries in the City of London, and in some smaller regional centres such as Edinburgh, are acknowledged world leaders. Moreover, the evidence is overwhelming that these human-capital-intensive industries are expanding rapidly compared to other industries in this country. Their growth is not being constrained by a shortage of suitably qualified people.

An estimate of the precise number of people working in "the City" depends on how it is defined. Nevertheless, a reasonable view is that the high-value-added, high-income international financial services that distinguish the modern City employ about 300,000 people today, compared to about 175,000 in the early 1970s. It is well-known, even notorious, that City incomes are high by British standards; they are also probably the highest — in a well-defined walk of life — anywhere in Europe.

The annual New Earnings Survey has been tracking incomes in different industries and for different types of worker for 28 years. In 1968, the average gross salary for a full-time non-manual male in Great Britain was £1,648 a year, whereas in the City it was £1,966. Last year, the figure for Great Britain was £23,052, but in the City it had soared to £40,986. It may now be heading towards £45,000 a year. Rudi Muller, who used to be the chief executive of UBS in London, has complained about high salaries and costs in the City. Apparently, if surprisingly, typical banking incomes in Zurich and Geneva are lower. But to suggest that high salaries will undermine the City is rather like criticising the restaurant which is so full no one goes there any more.

Britain is not under-educated and under-skilled. Labour's valid complaint is not the lack of human capital in this country, but the unevenness of its distribution. Many City dealers and Glaxo chemists now earn incomes which are several times above the national average. But has the Labour Party yet learnt that the best way to make incomes more equal is to bring the national average closer to City and Glaxo standards, rather than taxing success and subsidising failure?

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I'm a guru; are you one too?

Peter Riddell says

Blair has learnt from American experience, not continental theory



Tony Blair is proving an elusive target for the Tories. After wasting two years firing off in all directions, Tory strategists have refocused on a new, and, they claim, equally dangerous beast. They are portraying Mr Blair as an importer of continental social democrat ideas. But he has already shifted his position, to the dismay of left-wing intellectuals.

The Conservatives' dilemma is highlighted by *Blair's Gurus*, a new study of the intellectual roots of Blairism, written by David Willetts, the Public Services Minister who is the Tory leadership's resident ideologist and part-time media briefer. The pamphlet, which will go to all Tory MPs, is the intellectual arm of the "New Labour, New Danger" campaign so clumsily launched last week.

Mr Willetts has written an elegant and incisive analysis of books by eight academics, politicians and journalists: John Gray, Will Hutton, John Kay, Frank Field, Simon Jenkins, Andrew Marr, Peter Mandelson and David Marquand. The eight do not agree on everything and Simon Jenkins is not even remotely a Blairite. But together they have shaped centre-left beliefs, such as that social cohesion is threatened and insecurity increased by globalisation and flexible labour markets, that British capitalism is short-termist, that control of the public sector has been centralised to an unprecedented extent since 1979, that Britain's constitution needs to be drastically modernised, and that Britain should adopt the continental model of social capitalism.

These views are depicted as somehow un-British since they reject our distinctive and individualist traditions and prefer continental social democracy of c.1960-80. Mr Willetts has a point in distinguishing between the Anglo-American model of capitalism and what is trendily known as the Rhineland, or Rhenish, model. He also demolishes some of the more exaggerated arguments about insecurity and the defects of British capitalism, especially since Germany and France are trying to liberalise their markets.

However, Mr Willetts is criticising the wrong people, and exaggerating the importance of these gurus. Several have certainly influenced the general debate on the Left, and Mr Blair has paid attention to the views of John Gray, John Kay and Frank Field; but Peter Mandelson, who is on the list because of the book he wrote with Roger Liddle — *The Blair Revolution* — is more of an apologist for Blairism than a guru.

RIDDELL ON MONDAY

The real story would tell of Mr Blair's distance from these gurus rather than his closeness to them. The largely unappreciated breach between the Left's thinkers and Mr Blair was vividly illustrated by an article in yesterday's *Observer*. The paper is edited by one of the eight, Hutton, and he was joined by another four, Field, Gray, Kay and Marquand. They argue that "the programme so far championed [by Mr Blair] falls far short of what is required. The risk is not in doing too much. Rather it lies in doing too little." Marquand has complained that "new" Labour seems "stuck in the traditional British rut of piecemeal, voluntary incrementalism, buttressed by a traditional British unwillingness to learn from continental Europe".

The disenchantment is mutual. Some of Mr Blair's key advisers are scathing about what they see as the patronising and out-of-touch attitudes of some of the gurus. It is partly Mr Blair's own fault. Last January, when he began talking about the "stakeholder society", he initially failed to make clear that what he meant was a general idea of social inclusion and One Nation, rather than new statutory rights. He wants to encourage businesses voluntarily to take a broader view of their responsibilities, but does not back the Hutton-Marquand view that the legal structure of companies and financial institutions should be changed.

Apart from moral philosophers such as John Macmurray, Mr Blair is influenced more by clever, practical people such as Derry Irvine, the Shadow Lord Chancellor who gave him his first start as a barrister, than by theorising intellectuals. He has recently written of his wariness of grand intellectual plans.

Insofar as Mr Blair has gurus, they are from across the Atlantic. Amitai Etzioni, the American advocate of communitarianism, has affected "new" Labour thinking on social responsibilities and its policies on law and order and the family. Even more influential on both Mr Blair and Gordon Brown have been architects of President Clinton's economic policies, such as Robert Reich and Larry Summers. They stress social benefits, work incentives and skills training as the route to job creation and growth, which Mr Brown views as more important than traditional debates about the level of the exchange rate.

But Tony Blair's political approach has been affected by the failures, as well as the successes, of Mr Clinton. This is partly tactical (the need never to be distracted from the "message") and partly strategic (the need to address the worries of ordinary working people. Middle America or England). Here the guides are American political advisers such as James Carville and commentators such as E.J. Dionne (whose thesis is summarised in the current *New Statesman*).

Blairism is less than some left-wing intellectuals would like, or Mr Willetts claims. Apart from constitutional reform — significantly omitted from Labour's five key pledges in England, but not in Scotland and Wales — Blairism consists of promising small, incremental improvements, rather than far-reaching visions of social or economic upheaval. It offers a kinder, gentler version of Majorism, with a fresh management team. Of course, there are many doubts and questions about how it would work in practice. But that promise is perhaps what voters want, and it is why Mr Blair is such a hard target for the Tories to hit.

Blair's Gurus by David Willetts, MP, costs £7.50 from the Centre for Policy Studies, 52 Rochester Row, London SW1P 1JU.

Music all

WHILE Wembley reverberated on Saturday night to the Three Tenors, Westminster danced to a different tune. Betty Boothroyd was reliving her days as a Tiller girl.

Madam Speaker joined hands with Shirley Bassey and Elaine Paige and sang lustily in a farewell tribute to Sir Fergus Montgomery, the retiring Tory MP for Altrincham and Sale.

The music-hall singsong at a dinner for Sir Fergus also featured an appearance from the lustily voiced cabaret artiste Barbara Cook, a sucker for sequins. But it was Madam Speaker, in jaunty leg-kicking form, who stole the show when the group burst into a six-hanky performance of *Every Time You Say Goodbye*.



Sir Fergus, fondly regarded as the Member for Broadway and the West End, was reluctant yesterday to discuss the evening, which was attended by some 80 friends. "It was a private party, and that's all there is to say about it. Shirley is an old friend of mine and it was my last party. Numbers were obviously limited." All those thousands who got soaked watching the Three Tenors bid farewell must be scrunching their scoresheets with frustration.

Double billed

THEY may have organised the Olympics with aplomb, but the Catalans' reputation for efficiency collapsed last week when architects from across the globe rioted at the World Architecture Congress.

been sold for a conference offering only 2,000 seats. Police lost control of a simmering mob of architects outside the hall. It was only when Sir Norman Foster agreed to address the baying crowd of builders that order was restored.

Think pink

A GLORIOUS dawn beckons tomorrow, for the chiffon queen Dame Barbara Cartland will be 95. She plans to celebrate quietly with her sons at home, although she enjoyed a vast birthday cake (with pink icing laid on with a trowel) at a party a few days ago.

Clouding the festivities, however, is the royal divorce. She believes the Princess of Wales has been shabbily treated. "I sent her one of my books for her 35th birthday, and received a thank-you letter by return. But I do wonder if she received anything from the Royal Family."

Celebrations for her 95th will be "pink, pink, pink", she says. "I'm still writing a book a fortnight. I may be dead before next year but I have a lot to do before I die."

● *The best seat in Paris yesterday at Versace's fashion show was occupied by Lisa Marie Presley, the*

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Ms Presley can't be described as a clothes-horse, but now that the Duchess of York is stomping the catwalk, anything can happen. So Versace has signed up Lisa Marie for his next advertising campaign.

Evening wear

AMID the clashing garish shirts that Nelson Mandela plans to wear for his state visit to Britain this week nestles a comparatively sober number: a black, shiny affair with long sleeves.

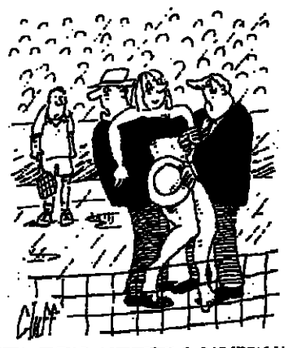
The President's aides tell me that this is his chosen attire for the white-tie state banquet at Buckingham Palace. "He will not wear white-tie, so he wears this instead. He buttons it to the top and wears it without a tie. He looked smart in it

hannesburg with Queen Noor of Jordan."

For pre-prandial drinks, Buckingham Palace would be well advised to invest — against its better judgment — in the sweetest sherry it can find. Mandela is no toper, but he loves the odd glass of sherry, and the sweeter the better.

My, my

FRANTIC sucking of boiled sweets took place in the royal box yesterday as Wimbledon's Centre Court witnessed its first streaker. The



young lady who took to the court in a G-string and pinafore brought roars of laughter from the Duke of Kent. Others in the box modestly diverted their interest by rootling around in the royal sweet bag.

"Boiled sweets in the royal box is a tradition going back to the days of Fred Perry and beyond," explained a Centre Court veteran. Which puts paid to those who had expressed their concern that the Duchess of Kent had plumbed new depths of informality for the Royal Family by *chewing gum* when she handed out prizes after the women's final. No: it wasn't gum at all. In skittish mode, the Duchess was getting the best out of a flavoursome humbug.

Family show

SIX GENERATIONS ON, the Constables are still painting. In Oxford, Sasha Constable, 25, who is the great great great granddaughter of John Constable, has just opened her first solo exhibition at the Loco Gallery.

"There's been an artist in every generation since John Constable painted *The Haywain*," she says. "My father's an artist and I'm carrying on the tradition." With a degree in sculpture behind her, she describes her work as surreal, and



Art in the genes: Sasha

forebear would have appreciat[ed] her efforts. But she was drawn irresistibly towards the easel because she was brought up with Constable memorabilia. "His drawings, his paint-brushes, easels and palettes," she says. "We've even got his baby-rattle." Don't tell the Getty Museum.

D.L.C.

THE TORY GAUNTLET

How Clarke could help to win the election

When Kenneth Clarke said yesterday that his chances of delivering significant tax cuts before the general election were "not very good", he was not just engaging in the Treasury's traditional game of deflating Budget expectations. Nor was he throwing away the Government's last hope of winning the general election. The Chancellor was facing up to the realities of responsible financial management. The Treasury's updated forecasts, to be published tomorrow, will show public borrowing far exceeding the targets set in the Budget and revenues falling well short of expectations, even without any tax cuts.

Britain's consumers and businesses seem already to have already helped themselves to a substantial tax cut — by finding ways of avoiding the payment of VAT and corporation tax. The distribution of these unintended tax cuts has certainly not been fair. The more the Government can do to close loopholes in the tax legislation, the more scope there will be for broadly distributed reductions in tax rates that would benefit everbody. But the lost revenues must be recovered before they can be given out.

Against this background, the more doggedly Mr Clarke pursues his plans to control public borrowing and spending, the more he will help the Government's re-election chances and sow confusion in Labour's ranks. Voters are unlikely to be much impressed by the promise of future Tory tax cuts, which many will in any case discount as a pre-election ploy. The threat of higher taxes under Labour would probably be a more effective electoral weapon.

Mr Clarke's best strategy for the Budget — not only in economic, but also in political terms — might not be to cut taxes but to stress the importance of controlling public borrowing. If he could also identify further substantial reductions in government spending, he could then challenge Labour to endorse his spending cuts or to come out into the open with plans for higher taxes and borrowing. This rigorous approach, which seems to be finding favour among some Tory strategists, would do more to put Labour on the spot than a Dutch auction over taxes which might simply confirm in the eyes of the public — and the financial markets — that they are witnessing a desperate Government in its last throes.

By continuing to chip away at both public borrowing and spending, Mr Clarke would contribute to the growing confidence in the fundamental health of the British economy. "I have this vision that by the end of the century Britain could have the best economy in Western Europe," Mr Clarke said yesterday. To persuade voters to share that vision, rather than to bribe them with tax cuts, must now be the Tories' main political task.

Tax rates will not be the main factor in the voters' assessment of the Tory economic record. Far more important than a penny or two off taxes will be the public's general feeling of economic wellbeing and the sense that, without a change of government, prosperity might turn out to be sustainable for the long term. With the economy regaining momentum, consumer confidence improving and unemployment slowly but surely coming down, the first glimmers of a Tory political recovery are finally appearing in the polls.

With no more than ten months to go before the election, the odds must still be against the Government. There may simply be too little time for the spreading sense of economic wellbeing to make up for the Government's many blunders and to overcome the generalised hostility and boredom among voters. Nevertheless the Government's best chance of staying in power would lie in a well-timed, and well argued, Tory appeal to the innate caution of the British public: "Don't let Labour ruin it."

SANDPAPER AND SILK

Two contrasting approaches to new Labour

Last week Brian Mawhinney unveiled his "new Labour, new danger" theme, and in so doing demonstrated that comedy is not a second career option for him. Now, as Peter Riddell describes on the opposite page, David Willetts has produced an erudite and elegant essay, *Blair's Gurus*, which attacks the philosophical foundations of new Labour. The contrast between the two men and their respective approaches could not be sharper.

Not since Norman Tebbit in his heyday has a politician courted a "hard man" reputation in the manner of Dr Mawhinney. Here is a man who would cross a 14-lane motorway at rush hour to pick a fight. No morning is complete without the digestion of both babies and *Today Programme* presenters. Having caused hell at the Department of Health and terror at the Department of Transport, he now brings his inimitable style to Conservative Central Office.

In many respects the Doctor has already out-performed the fabled Lord Tebbit. Thousands used to testify that in private the Chingford skinhead was a gentle and generous creature; few seem willing to say the same for the Peterborough pugilist. "New Labour, new danger" is an appeal based on unadulterated fear: a victory for Tony Blair at the next election would lead to economic collapse, constitutional catastrophe, an end to civilisation as we know it — and all in the first Queen's Speech. After which the Queen would probably be abolished as well. As a tactic in the last phase of the campaign this could have been effective. As a central weapon of attack it is blunt and unwieldy, not unlike the manner of the Chairman himself.

David Willetts prefers a somewhat a higher plane. The former think-tank supremo is happier with the battle of ideas rather than with rows over advertising schedules and stubbornly low poll numbers. An amiable and intelligent man, resembling a cross between a choir boy and a *Thunderbirds* pilot, he often looks out of place in the Westminster hurly burly. Willetts is the Tories' in-house philosopher. A man who knows his Hayeks from his Hegels, and can pronounce profoundly on whether life is really nature, nurture, or Nietszche. Whenever the Conservatives are trapped in the intellectual trenches, the solution is always the same. Get Willetts to whip up a pamphlet and send it over the parapet. His latest efforts follow a distinguished line, and will not be his last.

The difference between the two styles — sandpaper and silk — is as striking as their place in Mr Major's own armoury. For, in comparison with his chairman, Mr Major is a sensitive soul and not even his best friends would describe him as an aspiring ideological theorist. Politics makes for strange bed fellows. From now until polling day we can be certain to see much more from Dr Mawhinney with his chainsaw and Mr Willetts with his thinking cap.

IN ANOTHER JULY

When brave Germans battled alone against Hitler

In politics, tyrannicide is the ultimate test of moral courage. Pagan and Christian philosophers down the centuries taught that the killing of a ruler could be justified only in the direst extremity. If any tyrant deserved that fate it was Hitler. His regime's evil deeds still shape our world. Hence interest in the German opposition to the Nazis, and especially the bomb plot which so nearly killed him on July 20, 1944, is keener than ever. In Germany, the courts are only now considering a formal pardon for Stauffenberg and other conspirators.

This week, *The Times* carries extracts from Joachim Fest's *Plotting Hitler's Death*, which will be published in the autumn. In the light of his indictment of the British failure to support the July plot, we too may wish to reconsider our wartime record.

In the second part of our series, tomorrow, Fest will argue that British leaders, including Chamberlain, Eden and Churchill, not only ignored overtures from German resistance circles, but were actively hostile. The British treated these brave patriots as dishonourable traitors, even to the point at which "Nazi propagandists and Allied spokesmen joined forces in a *de facto* coalition to belittle the accomplishments of the resistance and disparage its motives".

Fest also blames the Allied refusal to contemplate a negotiated peace. At the end of the First World War, President Wilson had offered moderate Germans a basis for negotiation, and helped to bring about a German political and military collapse. But when in 1943 Churchill and Roosevelt reaffirmed at Casablanca the Allied policy of unconditional surrender, they only isolated the German opposition still further.

Fest dismisses as inadequate the conventional justifications offered by apologists for the British decision to "cold-shoulder" Hitler's opponents: Churchill's exclusive concentration on the war effort, and fear of jeopardising the Soviet alliance. But Fest is probably right to see these reasons as pretexts with which the Government justified a misguided policy, rather than a sufficient rationale.

One cannot divorce British policy, however, from the policymakers' deep-seated suspicion of the German officer class. Ludendorff and Hindenburg had, after all, established the Army's domination of German politics. Some of the opposition bore names like Moltke, Yorck and Bismarck, famous in the annals of Prussian military glory. They were mostly either officers or bureaucrats — servants of the Nazi regime. There was a genuine credibility gap, which British Intelligence manifestly failed to fill.

With hindsight, it would clearly have been wiser to have taken the emissaries of the German opposition seriously, and to have offered them the very limited encouragement they requested. As so often, British leaders were fighting the wrong war. The Nazis were not identical with the Prussian military, though they drew on its mythology; by 1944, the habit of submitting to Hitler had undermined the German army's code of honour. To a Churchill, the moral calculus which led a Stauffenberg to kill Hitler was alien: assassins could not be martyrs.

Many of these rebels were young and aristocratic, but one should not glamorise their sacrifice. Few realised that German nationalism could not survive Hitler's war. But whatever their motives, the men and women of the German resistance helped to redeem their nation and humanity.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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RSPCA membership and its attitude towards hunting

From Dr Richard D. Ryder

Sir, Lord Mancroft's letter (July 1) defending the British Field Sports Society's attempt to infiltrate the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals with blood sports enthusiasts is shot through with inconsistency. The objects of the RSPCA are to prevent cruelty and promote kindness. How can blood sports be consistent with these?

What is even more extraordinary is the attitude of the Charity Commissioners in advising the RSPCA that it cannot lawfully keep out such entryists. It is surely quite absurd that a national body of the importance of the RSPCA should be forced to allow itself to be infiltrated by its opponents. What sane business would allow this to happen? If this is indeed the law then clearly the law needs changing. My motion at the society's recent AGM (report, July 1) was an attempt to address this problem.

Another, even stranger, aspect of charity law is that it does not recognise animal welfare as a charitable object. This archaic view is entirely out of touch with modern public opinion and puts animal welfare charities into an impossible position as regards fundraising. For the Charity Commissioners to tell the RSPCA that it cannot campaign for animal welfare (which it has been doing since 1824) is a total nonsense. Again, the law needs changing.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD D. RYDER
(Council Member),
RSPCA,
Causeway, Horsham, West Sussex.
July 1.

From Mr Michael Sissons

Sir, It is monstrous that, in one of the world's great charities, a tiny and extreme faction should claim the moral high ground.

I am told that at the recent AGM of the RSPCA Dr Richard Ryder, the leading animal rights intellectual in this country, referred to the Charity Commissioners as "bloated bureaucrats" and, predictably, to the law as an ass.

The only possible construction that can be put on this is that he and his supporters are indignant that the commissioners have placed restrictions on animal rights campaigning and activism by the RSPCA.

The only possible construction that can be put on the attempts by the RSPCA to restrict membership of the society to those who agree with them is that they know that on a level playing field their arguments will not prevail.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL SISSONS,
Peters Fraser & Dunlop,
503/4 The Chambers,
Chelsea Harbour, SW10.
July 4.

From Mr Elliot Morley, MP for Glanford and Scunthorpe (Labour)

Sir, Libby Purves may be impressed by Penny Mortimer's Leave Country Sports Alone group ("The cruelty of kindness", July 2), but the Labour Party is more discerning. After considering their leaflets circulated at a Labour conference, delegates voted unanimously for a free vote on the abolition of these activities.

Lord Mancroft says that the British Field Sports Society forms the largest number of dog and horse owners in the country and manages "most of Britain's wildlife and a large proportion of its farm animals". There is not the slightest evidence to support this.

Nor can I fathom his claims that support for a ban on blood sports is falling. Every test of public opinion I am aware of disputes that. Even anglers demonstrated in a poll in *Angling Times* that 91 per cent would have nothing to do with the BFSS.

I believe that the effect of BFSS entryism will just boost the RSPCA's membership with those who will now join to show their support for it.

Labour's experience has shown that entryism will always fail when it does not command majority support.

Yours sincerely,
E. A. MORLEY
(Spokesperson for
Animal Welfare),
House of Commons.
July 2.

From the Director General of the RSPCA

Sir, Last year the RSPCA rescued more than 6,000 animals from dangerous situations. We investigated 110,175 complaints and received more than 1.2 million phone calls.

I cannot think of a clearer way to explain to Libby Purves that the RSPCA has no more important business than that of preventing cruelty to animals — all animals, including foxes, hares and stags — and that these claims of infiltration by extremists are a myth, perpetuated by the blood sports lobby in an attempt, I believe, to alienate our supporters.

Our most recent poll showed that 73 per cent of people wish hunting with hounds to be outlawed. In 1951, the Scott Henderson report — set up by Parliament to look into cruelty to wild animals — accepted that the RSPCA is "naturally opposed on ethical grounds" to fox-hunting. The Charity Commission recently confirmed that it could find no fault with our methods of campaigning on this issue.

Libby Purves states we have "veggie leaders". She is wrong. I am not a vegetarian, although I understand their views; nor are the newly-elected chairman of our council, retired veterinary surgeon Roy Forster, and his three fellow officers. Nor are the majority of those who work tirelessly for the RSPCA throughout England and Wales.

The work of pro-hunt supporters in maintaining the countryside is also a fallacy, since Britain has suffered such a serious decline in, for example, its traditional hay meadows, lowland heaths, chalk downlands and hedgerows.

Yours faithfully,
PETER DAVIES,
Director General,
RSPCA,
Causeway, Horsham, West Sussex.
July 2.

From the General Manager of IFAW UK

Sir, The British Field Sports Society's Lord Mancroft quite wrongly in his letter described the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) as a hardline animal rights group to bolster his onslaught on the RSPCA over its stand against blood sports.

IFAW campaigns against animal cruelty legally and peacefully and will continue to do so.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL ESPLEY,
General Manager,
IFAW UK,
Warren Court, Park Road,
Crowborough, East Sussex.
July 1.

New uses and life for St Ethelburga

From Mr James R. G. Thomas and Mr Richard P. Griffiths

Sir, As the joint architects of the alternative reconstruction scheme, commissioned by the Friends of St Ethelburga, which has received planning permission and listed building consent from the City planning committee, may we clarify some points arising out of your leading article of June 12 and the letters which you have published since then (June 18, 26).

Our scheme is not for a facsimile reproduction of St Ethelburga's exactly as it was before the IRA bomb. We propose to repair the building, two thirds of which is still standing. The new parts would be clearly distinguishable from the old and continue the development of this, the smallest and one of the oldest churches in the City, in evolutionary fashion.

The building which we envisage will not be confined to church use. We have shown the assessors and the City planning committee how the space could also be used very satisfactorily for concerts, exhibitions, or for talks and meetings.

We do not reject modern architecture. Rather, we seek a self-effacing approach. For the separate office element of the scheme, facing on to the retained and improved garden, we propose to use traditional materials, but forms and proportions which are clearly of the 20th century. For the repair work, some new commissions would be sought — for example for the wrought-iron gateway, stained-glass windows, seating, etc.

Yours sincerely,
JAMES THOMAS,
RICHARD P. GRIFFITHS,
Rothermel Thomas and
Richard Griffiths Architects,
14-16 Cowcross Street, EC1.
July 1.

From Lord Hylton

Sir, I would be happy to contribute to the rebuilding of St Ethelburga's church as a living memorial to countless thousands of people who have lost lives or loved ones, or suffered injury, as a result of political violence and internal or transnational conflict.

A global and ecumenical shrine of this kind should be a place of prayer and of search for forgiveness. It might contain a perpetual flame and become a centre of pilgrimage and worship, particularly for all who commit themselves to peace-building, to the prevention of violent conflict and to a just and merciful stewardship of this unique planet.

Under the patronage of three holy Ethelburgas, who all flourished in the 7th century of the Christian era, such an appeal might touch minds and hearts beyond the confines of the diocese of London and the shores of this country.

Would the great monotheistic religions represented here see this as a worthwhile challenge? Could three saintly women lead us into the paths of worldwide peace?

Yours faithfully,
HYLTON,
House of Lords.
July 1.

Aerial archaeology

From the Secretary and Chief Executive of the Royal Commission on the Historical Monuments of England

Sir, As the crops begin to ripen, the signs are that this summer promises to be another bumper season for aerial archaeology, every bit as productive as 1995.

Drought is now affecting the whole of England to the east of a line from the Tyne to the Severn, and many new archaeological sites are expected to become visible for the first time.

It is therefore cruelly frustrating that the funds for aerial survey are stretched as thinly as your recent report suggests (June 26). It is in the capricious nature of the cropmarks that form over buried ditches and walls that they may be visible only fleetingly. This transience is tantalising, especially for those grounded for lack of money.

Given the right weather conditions, each season produces fresh discoveries, and there are no indications of diminishing returns.

In 1995 this royal commission, funded by the Department of National Heritage, recorded 3,000 sites from the air. The results are used by our partners in English Heritage and the archaeological services in local authorities in the conservation of England's archaeological legacy, and add greatly to our understanding of the past.

Already in 1996 royal commission grant-aided aerial survey has produced discoveries of new sites in Essex and Norfolk. Our own flying programme has begun. One of our first flights will be in the airspace of the former home of the Red Arrows at Scampton, Lincolnshire, which is now open to us for the first time.

Access to former military airspace is one of the unexpected benefits of the ending of the Cold War. Precisely at the time when funding is being reduced, an increased proportion of England's landscape is becoming available for aerial survey.

Despite the pressure on funding this year, the current opportunities will certainly not be wasted: flying will be carefully targeted, and expenditure will be kept under close review by the royal commission in the hope that more resources can be found for grants towards this unrivalled source of information about our past.

Yours faithfully,
TOM HASSALL
(Secretary and Chief Executive),
The Royal Commission on the
Historical Monuments of England,
National Monuments Record Centre,
Kemble Drive, Swindon, Wiltshire.
June 28.

NHS efficiency

From the Chairman of the Council of the British Medical Association

Sir, My colleague Russell Hopkins (letter, July 2) criticises me for seeking more adequate funding for the National Health Service, although he acknowledges that "the current financial year will be a desperately difficult one" in our "efficient health service", owing not least to an assumption of illusory efficiency savings. Strange logic surely.

However, I agree with my colleague that part of the answer lies in using existing resources more effectively. In my speech to the annual representative meeting of the BMA on June 24, I asked that we be allowed to do just this: "Allocating resources on the basis of need and outcome and determining priorities rationally and equitably."

I also welcomed the means to this end which the Department of Health and the professions have developed together in recent years, including the National Centre for Clinical Audit housed at the BMA.

But can anyone deny chronic underfunding in the NHS in relation to both need and educated expectations when the evidence of health professionals and managers speaks for itself? Is it unreasonable to ask for a phased boost in funding to the mean of the expenditure of competitor countries as a percentage of available wealth?

Does Russell Hopkins really believe that there would be no major health gain from backing our uniquely efficient health service with the people and resources to make our nation fit for the future?

Yours faithfully,
A. W. MACARA,
Chairman of Council,
British Medical Association,
Tavistock Square, WC1.
July 2.

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Global climate

From Dr D. J. Carson

Sir, Dr Jack Barrett's conjectures (letter, July 1) about the influence of the Church on the UN Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) take no account of the worldwide consensus on which IPCC reports are based.

He also illustrates a lack of understanding of the climate system when he links increments of carbon dioxide concentration with changes in global temperatures in such a simplistic way. The climate effects of carbon dioxide are delayed by the oceans and superimposed on natural variations and other influences.

Although there remain significant differences between surface climate observations and the data from Nasa satellites since 1979, the most thorough analysis (by the University of Alabama) does show an underlying warming trend in satellite measurements (about a tenth of a degree celsius per decade).

The reality of a global warming (although not the cause) is demonstrated by at least three independent sets of temperatures measured at the surface (land, sea surface and night-time marine air).

The cautious statement from IPCC that "the balance of evidence suggests that there is a discernible human influence on global climate" is based on all the available comparisons between climate observations over the past decades (including those from satellites) and simulations by the best climate models.

Dr Barrett advises IPCC to "consider all available data very carefully" before coming to conclusions; this, of course, has been IPCC's *modus operandi* since its inception.

Yours faithfully,
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London Road, Bracknell, Berkshire.
July 2.

'Tax on reading'

From the Editors of Tribune *and the* Literary Review

Sir, We are writing to protest at the plan by WH Smith to levy a "retail display allowance" of 5 per cent on publishers of small publications.

This latest blow to small magazines and newspapers comes on top of the decision taken earlier this year by WH Smith to "de-list" a large number of publications and remove them from its news shelves (letters, February 26 and March 4). The replacement "ordering service" is a very poor substitute.

It is instructive that the proposal to charge a retail display allowance will not extend to WH Smith's top 400 titles. The proposed charge amounts to an unacceptable tax on reading.

WH Smith seems to be no longer interested in providing diversity and choice to its customers and is, in effect, driving a number of specialist magazines and newspapers from its news shelves altogether. It is an attitude that contrasts with that of John Menzies, a company which appears to be committed to encouraging the sales of smaller publications.

Despite all the best efforts of MPs, journalists and the general public to persuade WH Smith not to push ahead with the de-listing process, the company went ahead. This had an immediate and serious effect on a number of small publications.

Faced with this new threat of additional charges, we are urging members of the public to boycott WH Smith and buy their books and magazines elsewhere.

Yours faithfully,
MARK SEDDON
(Editor, *Tribune*),
AUBERON WAUGH
(Editor, *Literary Review*),
Tribune,
308 Gray's Inn Road, WC1.
July 5.

Legend debunked

From Mr J. S. K. Milne

Sir, So great a man, not just historian, as Sir Walter Scott should be allowed the last word on interpreting the past to his own and future generations (letters, July 1, 3).

He defined the novel as "a fictitious narrative . . . accommodated to the ordinary train of events". That seems conclusive enough to me.

Yours faithfully,
J. S. K. MILNE,
88 Campden House, Peel Street, W8.
July 3.

Handsome is . . .

From Mr Tim Daw

Sir, Sir George Gardiner, MP, has been accused of being ugly (report, June 28; Media and marketing, July 3), but how ugly is he? Beauty can be measured in milliHelens (one milliHelen being the beauty needed to launch one ship), but what unit is appropriate for ugliness?

I remain, yours, etc,
TIM DAW,
Cannings Cross,
All Cannings, Devizes, Wiltshire.
July 3.

TV trivia

From Mr Leslie Thomas

Sir, As one who occasionally appears on television chat shows so disparaged by Mr Harry E. Turner, former Chief Executive, TSW Television (letter, June 27), I would like to suggest that these programmes are known as "chat shows" precisely because they are trivial. Many viewers, who may not enjoy an arts or political discussion, find this trivia enjoyable and Mr Turner should not need reminding that television is for everybody.

I recall going to the Plymouth studio (before Mr Turner's time, I am sure) to take part in a programme called *That's My Dog* during which my basset hound was interviewed.

Yours faithfully,
LESLIE THOMAS,
The Walton Canonry,
The Close,
Salisbury, Wiltshire.
June 17.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

July 6: The Duke of York, Visitor, this afternoon presented the prizes on Speech Day at the Royal Hospital School, Holbrook, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Suffolk (the Lord Belstead).

KENSINGTON PALACE

July 6: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Colonel-in-Chief The Royal Highland Fusiliers (Princess Margaret's Own Glasgow and Ayrshire Regiment), this evening visited Glasgow and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Glasgow (The Right Hon The Lord Provost Pat Lally).

Her Royal Highness took the Salute at the Ceremony of Beating Retreat by the Third (Volunteer) Battalion in George Square, and attended a Reception in the City Chambers.

KENSINGTON PALACE

July 6: The Duke of Gloucester, President, Christ's Hospital, Horsham, this afternoon visited the School and attended a Ceremony of Beating Retreat and subsequently was present at a Dinner to mark the retirement of the Headmaster, Mr Richard Poulton. His Royal Highness was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of West Sussex (Major General Sir Philip Ward).

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE

July 6: The Duke of Kent, President, the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, accompanied by the Duchess of Kent, this afternoon attended the Wimbledon Championships, Wimbledon, London SW19.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

July 7: Mr Jeremy Smith (Deputy Lieutenant of West Sussex) was present at Gatwick Airport, London, this morning upon the Arrival of the Governor-General of Grenada and Lady Palmer and welcomed Their Excellencies on behalf of The Queen.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE

July 7: The Duke of Kent, President, the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, accompanied by the Duchess of Kent, this afternoon attended the Wimbledon Championships, Wimbledon, London SW19.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

Princess Alexandra and the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy this afternoon attended the Finals of the All England Lawn Tennis Club Championship Meeting at Wimbledon.

Steephill Independent School, Fawkham, Kent

Mrs Linda Bramley has been appointed Headmistress from September 1996 to succeed Mrs Jenny Smith-Spark. Mrs Bramley is currently Deputy Head of the School. Mrs Susan Meakin has been appointed Deputy Head. Children will also be taken up to age 11.

University news

Pembroke College, Oxford

Honorary Fellowship: Sir Harry Peach; Foundation Fellowships: Jonathan Aisbitt, Ian Cormack; Emeritus Fellowship: Gordon Whitnum; Supernumerary Fellowship: John Tanner.

New varieties bloom at RHS palace show

BY ALAN TOOGOOD, HORTICULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

THE growing interest in new and unusual plants is reflected at the Royal Horticultural Society's Hampton Court Palace flower show, where some are to be seen for the first time.

Many nurseries will be introducing new varieties, such as pinks from Three Counties Nurseries, of Marshwood, Dorset; and *Streptocarpus* Something Special, a pink and magenta Cape primrose from Dibleys, of Ruthin, North Wales.

Tree ferns are coming into fashion and the largest range ever offered in Britain will be shown by Rickard's Hardy Ferns, of Tenbury Wells, Hereford and Worcester, including several new ones.

The Plant Heritage marquee, which represents many national plant collections, is another place to see new, rare or unusual plants. They do not come much rarer than *Passiflora Lourdesae*, a pink passion flower recently saved from extinction and shown by John Vanderplank, of Kingston Seymour, Somerset. A record number of new roses will be launched at the British Rose Festival, a show within a show.

They range from popular patio roses such as orange and crimson striped Tiger Cub, from Mattocks Roses, of Newnham Courtney, Oxfordshire, to the pale pink miniature rambling rose Open Arms, from C. and K. Jones of Tarvin, Cheshire.

The centrepiece of the floral marquees has a patriotic theme, paying tribute to British gardeners. Six charities have show gardens, including Christian Aid, whose Cambodian garden also highlights the dangers of landmines.

☐ *RHS members, Tuesday, Wednesday; public Thursday-Sunday, 10am-7.30pm (5.30pm Sunday). Information 0171 828 1744; tickets 0171 344 4444, also at gate*

Nature notes

YOUNG swallows are on the wing. They are a duller blue than the adults and lack the long-streamers. Though they can fly as nimbly as their parents, for the first few days they sit on wires and rooftops waiting to be fed.

The first signs of south-bound autumn migration are the greenshanks and green sandpipers which are appearing at the edge of quiet ponds. The greenshanks are tall, silvery waders that step delicately on their long green legs. The green sandpipers are smaller, darker birds with noticeable white rumps. When they fly up with a yodelling cry, they look like large housemartins.

Sheets of pink flame are spreading across the countryside as the rosebay willowherb comes into flower. Wafts of scent drift down from the white blossom on the lime trees.

Field thistles and knapweed, which is like a spineless thistle, are blossoming. Both plants attract small skipper butterflies, which sit on the flowers with their orange brown forewings standing up like sails on the hindwings.

DJM



The green sandpiper

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester celebrate the 24th anniversary of their marriage today.

Birthdays today

Lord Allen of Abbeydale, 84; Mr Jon Bannenberg, yacht designer, 67; Dr R.S. Barnes, metallurgist, 72; Dr Kate Bertram, former President, Lucy Cavendish College, Cambridge, 84; Dr Thomas H. Bewley, former president, Royal College of Psychiatrists, 70; Sir Robin Biggam, former chairman, BICC, 58; Mr C.D. Brown, Headmaster, Norwich School, 52; the Hon Dame Mary Corsar, former chairman, WRVS, 69.

Sir Peter Darby, former Chief Inspector of Fire Services, 72; Mrs June Dixon-Millar, founder, National Centre for Cued Speech for the Deaf, 61; Mr Keith Fielding, rugby player, 47; Lord Gilmour of Craigmillar, 70; Mr Bruce Gyngell, former managing-director, TV-am, 67; Professor Sir Alan Harris, civil engineer, 80; Mr Bernard Henderson, chairman, British Waterways, 68; Mr Brian Hitchen, former Editor, *Sunday Express*, 60; Dame Elaine Kellett-Bowman, MP, 72; Dr P.C. Knight, Vice-Chancellor, University of Central England in Birmingham, 49; Major-General R.B Loudoun, former director, Mental Health Foundation, 74; Viscount Mersey, 62; Mr David Metcalfe, insurance broker, 69.

Air Vice-Marshal James Morris, chief executive, Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, 60; Miss Pauline Quirke, actress, 37; the Right Rev Derek Rawcliffe, former Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway, 75; Viscount Samuel, 74; Herr Walter Scheel, former President, West Germany, 77; Sir Roy Shaw, former Secretary-General, Arts Council of Great Britain, 78; Mr Brian Walden, former MP, and broadcaster, 64; Mr John Wallwork, cardiothoracic surgeon, 50; Air Chief Marshal Sir Neil Wheeler, 79.



The Book of Kells, the 8th-century transcript of the Bible written by monks on the island of Iona, will be produced on CD-Rom next year by its owner, Trinity College Dublin. The book's illustrations include the figure of Christ, above

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Jean de La Fontaine, poet, Château-Thierry, France, 1621; Tom Cribb, prizefighter, Bitton, Gloucestershire, 1781; Fitz-Greene Halleck, poet, Guilford, Connecticut, 1790; Count Ferdinand von Zeppelin, airship pioneer, Baden, 1838.

John D. Rockefeller, oil magnate and philanthropist, New York, 1839; Sir Arthur Evans, archaeologist, Nash Mills, Hertfordshire, 1851; Alfred Binet, psychologist, Nice, 1857; Percy Grainger, composer and pianist, Melbourne, 1882; Richard Aldington, novelist and biographer, Portsmouth, 1892.

DEATHS: Christiaan Huygens, physicist, The Hague, 1695; Robert South, clergyman, London, 1716; Percy Bysshe Shelley, poet, drowned off Leghorn, 1822; Sir Henry Raeburn, painter, Edinburgh, 1823.

Sir William Edward Parry, Arctic explorer, Ems, Germany, 1855; Hablot K. Browne (Phiz), illustrator, Brighton, 1882; Anthony Hope (Sir Anthony Hope Hawkins), novelist, Walton-on-the-Hill, Surrey, 1933; Henry Havelock Ellis, physician and writer, Hintlesham, Suffolk, 1939; Vivien Leigh, actress, London, 1967; Wilfred Rhodes, Yorkshire and England cricketer, Broadstone, Dorset, 1973.

Portuguese navigator Vasco da Gama set sail from Lisbon in search of a sea route to India, 1497. The Ziegfeld Follies opened in New York, 1907.

National Savings stamps went on sale in Britain, 1918.

The first all-England women's singles final took place between Christine Truman and Angela Mortimer, Wimbledon, 1961.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr E.C.W. Goodwyn and Miss K.A. Bartholomew

The engagement is announced between Edward, son of Mr and Mrs Charles Goodwyn, of Amersham, Buckinghamshire, and Kate, daughter of Mr and Mrs Graham Bartholomew, of Wassenaar, The Netherlands.

Mr J.H.V. Hathorn and Miss O.J.A. Tisdall

The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Mr Eric and the Hon Mrs Hathorn, and Olivia, elder daughter of Mr Brian Tisdall and the late Mrs Christa Tisdall and stepdaughter of Mrs Catherine Tisdall.

Mr W.J. Holy-Hasted and Miss A.M. Caratti

The engagement is announced between William, only son of Colonel and Mrs Richard Holy-Hasted, of Chemole, Dorset, and Angela, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Vincenzo Caratti, of Zollikon, Switzerland.

Mr B.S. Kettler and Miss C.E. Little

The engagement is announced between Ben, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Kettler, of Northampton, and Caroline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs David Little, of Rood Ashton, Wiltshire.

Dr I.N. Morton and Miss J.V. Edwards

The engagement is announced between Nick, son of Mr and Mrs R.E. Morton, of Upton, the Wirral, and Jane, daughter of Mr Peter Edwards, of Hawkesbury Upton, Gloucestershire, and Mrs Jan Willis, of Clifton, Bristol.

Mr R.H. White and Miss F.B.G. Bumpus

The engagement is announced between Roger, younger son of the late Victor White and of Mrs Bessie White, and Francesca, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Bernard Bumpus, of London NW3.

Brambletye

The Governors of Brambletye are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Hugh Cocke as Headmaster of Brambletye, East Grinstead, Sussex in succession to Mr Donald Fowler-Watt who will be retiring at the end of the Summer Term 1997 after 28 years as Headmaster. Mr Cocke is currently Headmaster of Old Buckenham Hall, Brettenham Park, Suffolk.

Dinner

Bedford School Boat Club

The Lord-Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire and President of the Old Bedfordian Club presided at a 50th anniversary dinner of Bedford School Boat Club held on Saturday at Henley Royal Regatta to mark the winning of the first Princess Elizabeth Cup Race by Bedford School in 1946.

Latest wills

Mr Sydney Dawson Bailey, of London N2, the writer and pacifist who was the non-governmental Quaker representative at the United Nations from 1954-58, left estate valued at £173,040 net.

He left £10,000 each to Quaker Peace and Service, for mediation, disarmament or human rights, and the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust.

Mrs Susan Mary Dean, of Graffham, West Sussex, left estate valued at £625,535 net.

She left bequests of effects and £500 to each of her grandchildren and 2/3rds of the residue to King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, and 1/6th of the residue each to the Animal Welfare Trust and World Wildlife Fund.

Marriages

Mr G.U. Amati and Miss E.M. Maclean

The marriage took place on Saturday, June 29, at St John's Episcopal Church, Perth, of Mr Giovanni U. Amati, son of the late Dr Luigi Amati and of Signora Carla Amati Ponziani, of Lecco, Italy, to Miss Emma Maclean, elder daughter of Sir Lachlan and Lady Maclean, of Arngask, Glenfarg, Perthshire. The Right Rev M.H.G. Henley, Bishop of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane, officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Isabella McMicking, Sofia Negri, Alasdair Gordon, the Hon Jock Bowes Lyon, Miss Rosie Gordon and Miss Christian Boyle. Mr Charles McMicking and Mr Edoardo Grandi were best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr C.J. Blackwell and Miss Grant

The marriage took place yesterday in Lennoxlove Chapel, Haddington, of Mr Christopher Blackwell, elder son of Professor and Mrs D.E. Blackwell, to Miss Catriona Grant, elder daughter of the late Sir Francis Grant, of Monymusk, and of Jean Lady Tweedsmuir. The Rev Charles Robertson officiated.

Sheriff D.W. Bogie and Mrs M.J.I. Leith

The marriage took place on July 1, 1996, in Aberdeen, between David Wilson Bogie, Sheriff of Grampian, Highland and Islands, and Margaret Jean Innes Leith, younger daughter of the late Professor John Lothian, of Aberdeen University.

The Hon William Buckley and Miss E.L. Clementson

The marriage took place on Saturday in the Priory Church of St Mary and St Blaise, Boxgrove, near Chichester, of the Hon William Buckley, only son of Lord and Lady Wrenbury, of Dallington, East Sussex, to Miss Emma Clementson, only daughter of Mr Peter Clementson, of West Wittering, and of Mrs Anthony Robinson, of South Clifton, Nottinghamshire. Canon J.M. Haselock officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Lucy Clementson and Poppy Hawkes. Dr Tim Grey-Morgan was best man.

A reception was held at Halnaker Park and the honeymoon will be spent in Northern Spain.

Mr G.D.P. Haig and Miss P.K. Martin

The marriage took place on Saturday, July 6, at St Alfege's Parish Church, Greenwich, of Mr Giles Haig, of East Sussex and Wandsworth, to Miss Philippa Martin, of Blackheath.

The bride was attended by her sisters, Emma, Alexandra and Lucinda. Mr Justin Haig was best man.

A reception was held at Ranger's House, Blackheath.

Mr G.A.V. Kaiser-Davies and Miss J. Laughton

The marriage took place on Saturday, July 6, at Sacred Heart Church, Wimbledon, of Guy, elder son of Mr and Mrs Clive Kaiser-Davies, of Merseyside, to Joanne, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Ronald Laughton, of New Malden.

A reception was held at the Lensbury Club, Teddington, and the honeymoon will be spent in the Caribbean.

Mr R.T. Lee and the Hon Juliet A.C. Harvey

The marriage took place on Saturday at St Mylor's, Mylor Churchtown, Cornwall, of Mr Richard Lee, son of Professor and Mrs T.A. Lee, of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, to the Hon Juliet Harvey, elder daughter of Lord Harvey of Tasburgh and the late Lady Harvey of Tasburgh, of Restronguet, Cornwall. The Rev Charles James officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Stephanie Harvey, Jenny and Louise Brown, Katie Birchill, Niamh, Nicholas and Guillhuame Lincoln, Julian Grove, Dylan Morgan, Rollo Astbury-Goodman, the Hon Miranda Harvey and Ms Natasha Santos-Castellino. Mr James Lowe was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent in Devon and Cornwall.

Mr L.G. Verdon-Roe and Miss H.L. Hollingshead

The marriage took place on Saturday, at St Nicholas' Church, Combe Raleigh, Devonshire, of Mr Lighton Verdon-Roe, only son of Mr and Mrs Royce Verdon-Roe, of Warsash, Hampshire, to Miss Henrietta Hollingshead, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Hollingshead, of Combe Raleigh. The Rev Andrew Wadsworth officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Victoria Hollingshead, Miss Ophelia Stephenson and Hannah Dawson. Mr Alexander Edwards was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr A.St.J. Woodward and Miss S.A. Veasey

The marriage took place on Saturday, at the Church of St Peter, Chailey, Sussex, of Mr Andrew Woodward, son of Mr and Mrs John Woodward, of High House, Scopwick, Lincolnshire, and Miss Serena Veasey, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Veasey, of Cinder Farm, North Chailey, Sussex. The Rev Christopher Abbott officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Mrs James Fairbairn, Gemma Robson, Sophie Robson, Ellie Barnard, Rupert Crookenden and Emma Crookenden. Mr Mark Read was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, Marshal, Royal Air Force, will visit RAF Cosford, at 11.00; as Honorary Fellow of the Institute of Sports Medicine, will present The Prince Philip Medal in Sports Medicine and attend a dinner at St James's Palace at 6.25.

The Princess Royal will open a new building for the Institute of Engineering, Surveying and Space Geodesy, Nottingham University, at 11.25; will open the new Mansfield Courthouse, at 12.30; will attend Portland College Awards Day, 1996, Nottingham Road, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, at 2.10; and as Patron, Hearing Dogs for the Deaf, will attend a race meeting and fundraising dinner, Windsor Racecourse, at 7.20.

The Duchess of Kent will attend a reception and a short recital by children from the Laski School for the Blind, Poland, at the Polish Embassy at 6.50.

Princes Alexandra, Chancellor, will preside at ceremonies for the conferment of degrees and honorary degrees at Lancaster University at 2.20.

Today's events

The Queen's Life Guard mounts at Horse Guards at 11.00. The Queen's Guard mounts at Buckingham Palace at 11.30.

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BIRTHS

CONNOLLY On July 3rd 1996 to Mireille (née Flowerdew) and Jonathan their first born child a precious son Benjamin Thomas.

DAWLING - On Wednesday 19th June 1996, to Paula (née Hurren) and Mark, a beautiful daughter, Emily Charlotte.

EVELEGH - On 13th June 1996, to Jocelyn (née Adams) and Rupert, a daughter, Camilla Rose.

GILBERT - On 5th July 1996, to Stuart and Sue (née Charlesworth), a daughter, Katherine Alexandra, a sister for Ellie and Sophie.

HERRING - On July 3rd 1996 to Carola (née Brock) and Peter, a daughter, Lucinda Jane, a sister for James.

HOPKINSON - On July 1st to Katy (née Trounce) and David, a daughter, Charlotte Sarah, a sister for Thomas.

NEWMAN - On July 3rd 1996, in Santiago, Chile, to Gabriela and Alexander, a daughter, Florence Evelyn.

WHITE - At Winchester on 2nd July, to Dana (née Morrell) and Geoffrey, a daughter Matilda.

YOUNGMAN - On July 4th, in Exeter, to Jane (née Morrish) and Richard, a son Thomas David, a brother for Louise.

DEATHS

ALLARSON - On June 29th, peacefully at home, Margaret Louise, aged 88 years. Beloved wife of the late James and much loved by her children, grandchildren and family. Requiem Mass at St. John's Catholic Church, Tadworth, on Thursday July 11th at 11am. Family flowers only please, but donations if wished to CAFOD, c/o Stoneman Funeral Service. (01737) 765456.

BURTON - Herbert Alan on July 3rd. Dearly loved husband of Joyce, father of Pat, Michael and Gillian. For many years at the SMM&T. Funeral Friday July 12th at 11.30am at St Margaret's Church, Chipstead Surrey. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Moorday Cardiac Research Fund, c/o W Trueloves & Son, Coulsdon Surrey CR5 2RB.

CUTTING - Dr Charles died at his home on Friday July 5th sadly missed by Dorothy, family and friends.

DEATHS

DARE - John aged 71, husband of Eileen died on July 3rd. Cremation at West Norwood Crematorium on Thursday 11th July at 10.30 am. Cut flowers only, or donations if desired to Cancer Research.

EDWARDS - Nan (née Brownscombe) died peacefully on July 3rd aged 91. Treasured and loved wife of the late George Thompson and of the Jim Edwards. Very dearly loved by family and friends. Funeral service at Central Methodist Church, Letchworth on July 16th at 12 noon. Enquiries to David Binks, Funeral Directors. (01462) 480249.

EVANS-PUGHE - On July 4th peacefully at Harefield Hospital, Herts, John aged 71, widower of Elizabeth Evans-Pughe and loving father of Christine and Stephen. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Bushey Heath on Tuesday July 9th at 11.15 am. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Harefield Hospital Scanner Appeal, c/o T A Ellement & Son Ltd, 21 Bridge Street, Pinner, Middx HA5 3HR.

FOTHERGILL - On Friday, 5th July, peacefully at home, Dr Ronald Fothergill MB, ChB, aged 77. Loving husband of Ruth, much loved father of Judith, Neil and Gavin. For many years physician at East Birmingham Hospital. Funeral service at St. Peter ad Vincula Church, Ratley nr Banbury, Thursday 11th July at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations for the church of St Peter ad Vincula may be sent to J&M Humphris, 32 Albert Street, Banbury, OX16 7DG.

FYFE-JAMIESON - Colin John on 4th July 1996, devoted brother of Sheelagh and loved father of David, Emma, Lucy, Georgie and Sophie. All enquiries to Romney Marsh Funeral Services, George Lane, New Romney, Kent. tel: (01797) 366432.

GREEN - Leslie Henley, peacefully in hospital on July 5th 1996 aged 87 years. Of Bourton-on-the-Water, Glos. Formerly of Ruislip and Little Kingshill. Reunited with his loving wife. Very dear father of Pam, sadly missed by all of his friends. Memorial Service at St. Lawrence Church, Bourton-on-the-Water, Thursday July 11th at 2.30pm. No flowers by request, but donations if desired for The Stroke Association, may be left at the Church or sent to W.J. Wright, Funeral Director, Ivy Bank, Lansdowne, Bourton-on-the-water, Glos.

JOHNSON - Colin William aged 90, peacefully on 3rd July 1996 at Henford House Warminster. Funeral Service to be held on July 22nd at 3 pm at Salisbury Crematorium. No flowers please, but donations if desired for Old Dartfordians Rugby Club c/o F. Curtis & Son Funeral Directors, 11 Portway, Warminster, Wilts.

LAURIE - On 3rd July 1996, peacefully in her sleep. Eve Louise, aged 90 years. Much loved mother of Judith, Robert, Michael and Peter. Funeral Service at St. Nicholas Church, Ingrave, Brentwood, Essex on Friday 12th July at 11am. Family flowers only.

MEEK - Marjorie Lindsell peacefully in Haslemere Hospital on July 3rd 1996 aged 97 years. Much beloved mother of June and grandmother of Andrew and Amanda. Cremation private followed by Service of Thanksgiving at St Peter's, Lynchmere, on Friday 12th July at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only.

RAWSON - Robert Rees aged 80. Much loved husband of Dilys, peacefully on July 3rd at Chesham Hospital, Buckinghamshire. Cremation at Chilterns Crematorium Amersham, on Thursday 11th July at 2 pm. No flowers please. Donations if wished to Chesham Hospital League of Friends c/o Stuart Price Funeral Service, 15 Hill Avenue, Amersham, Buckinghamshire HP6 5BD.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

EDWARDS - George Thomas William 7th July 1996. A year has passed, the painful, empty void in our life can never be healed, but your memory and your spirit are with us always giving us the strength to persevere. We will love you, our darling boy, always. Mummy, Daddy, Hannah.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

BENNETT - Mrs. Margaret (Didda) Bennett and family wish to express their heart felt thanks for the very great kindness shown them by so many people following upon the death of their beloved, Ronald Alistair Bennett C.B.E., Q.C.

LEWIS - Tim and Yvonne wish to thank all loyal friends for their total support and belief in Quad Erat Demonstrandum.

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(a) On 3rd July 1996 a written resolution was duly passed, that a payment of £26,000 out of the Company's capital (as defined in Sections 171 and 172 of the Companies Act 1985) be made by the Company from each of David Jaffries and Jessica Jaffries of 10 ordinary shares of £1 each and from Barrie Holloway 40 such shares under Section 162 of the Companies Act 1985 be authorised.
(b) The amount of the permissible capital payment as defined by Sections 171 and 172 of the Companies Act 1985 was £38,000.
(c) The statutory declaration and auditors' report required by Section 173 of the Companies Act 1985 both of which are dated 28th June 1996 are available for inspection at the registered office of the Company at Central House Homestall 19 Telford Shropshire, 40 Any creditor of the Company may apply to the High Court under Sections 176 and 177 of the Companies Act 1985 within the period of five weeks immediately following 3rd July 1996 for an Order prohibiting the payment.
Dated 8th July 1996.

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Signed Mr. J.A. Williams
Solicitor for the Applicant

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
In The Matter of
ALLIED LEATHER DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED
And In The Matter of
ALLIED LEATHER DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED
I, James John Gleave, of Arthur Andersen, Bank House, 9 Charlotte Street, Manchester M1 4EU, give notice in accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that I was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 28th June 1996 by the Members.
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The Liquidator also gives notice that under the provision of Rule 4.182A(6) that on 26 September 1996 he intends to make a final return to the creditors who have submitted claims by 26 August 1996 and that there will be no further distribution to

OBITUARIES

RAY HOWARD-JONES



Ray Howard-Jones, artist, died in London on June 25 aged 93. She was born in Lambourn, Berkshire, on May 30, 1903.



Gateholm from my Cliff, gouache and pastel, 1980s

WHETHER sitting sketching amid clouds of seabirds on a Welsh island or entertaining in the garden of her west London home, Ray Howard-Jones impressed all who met her with her tenacity of spirit. In weather which would have most visitors to her haunts on the Pembrokeshire coast muffling up, she would peel off her clothes and plunge naked into the Atlantic swells, careless of passing visitors to the spot. At times she seemed like some tutelary spirit of the Welsh shore, so at home was she with its seals, seafowl and large (but harmless) basking sharks.

Her creative life had been a long one, beginning at the Slade in the 1920s and taking her through a period as a war artist — one of the few women to make a mark in that sphere — to a series of exhibitions from the 1950s onwards. Her career had had its ebbs and flows, and she had for a period of twenty years from 1970 known neglect (though not in Wales). But in the very last few years all this had changed, with an exhibition of her work organised by Rocket Contemporary Art in Cork Street, London, in 1994 and a touring exhibition of her later seascapes in the following year. A second London exhibition, *The Two Rays*, at the Rocket Gallery in 1994 celebrated her association with the photographer Raymond Moore, with whom she shared a close relationship for twenty years in the 1950s and 1960s.

She was born Rosemary Howard-Jones at her father's racing stables on the Berkshire Downs, but at the age of two moved to her grandfather's house in Penarth, where she was looked after by two guardians. Her first sketches were of the shores of the Bristol Channel, the landscapes of the Vale of Glamorgan and, later, of Tenby where she was taken on a visit at the age of 12 and fell in love with the majestic coastline of West Wales.

In 1920 she entered the Slade School of Art, where she came to the notice of Philip Wilson Steer, who became a firm admirer of her gifts as a colourist. Henry Tonks, the Slade Professor, was seldom in a mood to be indulgent to her, but as she realised, there was a compliment implicit in his acerbity. He recognised that she was a serious artist and not simply a little rich girl treating the Slade as a finishing school. In 1923 she gained her London University Fine Art Diploma and her oil painting *Christ on the Road to Calvary* won the Summer Composition prize.

In 1925 she returned to Penarth to care for her guardian May Purnell, who had in her turn been looking after the painter's mother. While doing this she also worked for a number of years making archaeological reconstruction drawings for the National Museum of Wales in Cardiff. Her evenings were devoted to voluntary work with deprived children and their unemployed parents in the city's grim Splott area, which in those days lay in the shadow of the East Moors steelworks, whose emissions polluted its streets.

When war came in 1939 she pleaded with the authorities — at first unsuccessfully — to become a war artist. But eventually she was commissioned to paint for the record the fortified islands of Flat Holm and Steep Holm in the Bristol Channel. She wanted to go to Normandy to record the D-Day landings but this request was turned down. However, she was allowed to sketch the preparation of transports for the invasion in Cardiff Docks. Some of her wartime work is now held by the Imperial War Museum.

After the war she settled in London at Ravenscourt Park, where she had a house and studio in which she spent her winters, alternating them with summers spent at St Martin's Haven, Dyfed. In 1948 she was introduced to the photographer Raymond Moore. This meeting was to mould the next twenty years of her life. In 1949 with Moore she went to the island of Skomer off the Pembrokeshire coast where they spent a summer painting. It was to be the first of several such summers for the pair until 1958 when Skomer was sold to the Nature Conservancy. This did not end the link with West Wales, however, since in 1960 Howard-Jones took a cottage at St Martin's Haven on the coast opposite. Meanwhile the painter and the photographer — the "other Ray" — had become a familiar sight on the London art scene.

The Welsh coast, its physical grandeur, its mythology and its mystical atmosphere, released something in Howard-Jones's imagination, which had first been stimulated by it as a child. She was to return to it as a subject again and again to the very end of her life. In 1958 she was commissioned to create a large mosaic for the front of Thomson House, the Cardiff headquaters of the *Western Mail* and *South Wales Echo* and in the following year she had her first exhibition at the Leicester Galleries, London, the first of five shows over the next ten years.

In 1970 the relationship with Ray Moore broke up but Howard-Jones continued to return to St Martin's Haven every summer, steeping herself ever more deeply in the atmosphere of the coast and the offshore islands. For her this meant not only the short excursion to nearby Skomer and Skokholm but also visits to distant Grassholm, to which she would occasionally be able to gain access, and to the amazement of friends who accompanied her, sit impassively sketching amid the deafening clamour (not to mention the stench of guano) emanating from its 50,000 nesting gannets.

Her absorption in Wales led to her gradually withdrawing from the London art scene as the 1970s wore on. But, though this led to a tendency to think of her as a merely regional artist, this was not an accurate assessment, as can be seen from the work of her late flowering. Wales at least continued to notice her, with both the Welsh Arts Council and West Wales Arts mounting touring retrospective exhibitions in 1974 and 1983.

Eventually, after she had spent the winter of 1992-93 reassessing unexhibited work which had gathered in her London studio, the Rocket Contemporary Art exhibition and the publication of her poems *Heart of the Rock*, also in 1993, reminded the wider world of her qualities.

Until her late eighties Ray Howard-Jones continued to scramble up and down the cliffs from her West Wales studio to the beach at St Martin's Haven beneath. The essence of her art was that it was created in the open air, as the outpouring of seascapes attests. At her London home her contact with nature was just as close, and she was never happier than when in her wild garden watching and feeding the birds.

She never married and had no children.

HUGH POPHAM

Hugh Popham, Fleet Air Arm pilot and poet, died on June 30 aged 76. He was born on May 15, 1920.



A FLEET AIR ARM pilot, who was also a poet, Hugh Popham wrote verses which surveyed the maritime battlefield below him with crystalline detachment. His single poem in the *Oxford Book of 20th Century English Verse*, edited by Philip Larkin, is not, in the easy colloquialism of its phraseology, characteristic of his output in general, which recalls the verse of an earlier war. It limpidly describes the "exquisite boredom" of patrols at 20,000 feet: ships reduced to mere water beetles on the surface of the sea beneath: then the sudden jolt as enemy aircraft break into this stratospheric idyll and it is time for "the dulled drumming of wing cannon" and the presence of violent death.

As a poet, Popham wrote normally in the Georgian mode of Housman and James Elroy Flecker. But his war experiences provoked a different response in his sensibility. His poems of the perils of air combat and the desire of the airman to regain the pitching flight deck of his mother aircraft carrier after the "ruled tracer lines" and the "smoke flowering from the engines" are in the laconic style of Larkin himself. They are not philosophical in the manner of Yeats's *An Irish Airman foresees his Death*. Rather, they capture the immediacy of technical detail: the scream of tormented engines revving frantically in the thin air of high altitudes; the burst of high explosive; smoke trails from broken aircraft threading their way seawards, down through thousands of feet of sky.

Born at Beer, in Devon, Hugh Henry Home Popham was educated at Repton and Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. But in 1940 he had to break off from his law degree course there, joining the Fleet Air Arm. Soon, as a member of a Sea Hurricane Squadron, he flew combat air patrols from the aircraft carrier *Indomitable* over Operation Pedestal, the great relief convoy to Malta which battled through air and U-boat opposition in August 1942. In the hazardous conditions of air operations in those days he had several brushes with death, finally breaking his back when colliding with another aircraft when his squadron was forming up in bad visibility. But he returned to action after a few months in plaster and participated in the Fleet Air Arm's activities off Italy in 1943.

He published his first volume of poems, *Against the Lightning*, in 1944, while still serving with the Fleet Air Arm. The volume took its title from the long *Poem from an Aircraft Carrier* which occupied most of the collection. It was received with enthusiasm as the outpouring of a sensitive and humane mind, and his publishers, Bodley Head, awarded him its £150 literary prize, no small sum in those days. In the meantime he continued his active service career as a deck landing control officer in aircraft carriers on Russian convoys.

After the war, Popham had various jobs, including teaching in Barbados. Returning to Britain after several years, he resumed a literary career and produced a range of books on many and disparate subjects. There were novels such as *Beyond the Eagle's Rage* (1951); a memoir *Sea Flight* (1954); and *Cape of Storms* (1957), a graphic description of Arctic trawling.

The sea and the life lived on it remained a constant preoccupation. Popham sailed his sloop in the Solent, made models of square-rigged ships, wrote a history of the Fleet Air Arm, *Into Wind* (1969), and edited the sailing journals of that consummate novelist of the sea, Erskine Childers.

Somewhat strangely, one of his most intriguing books was *F.A.N.Y. The Story of the Women's Transport Service 1907-84*, which was published in 1985. This was a lucid and perceptive account of that unique women's corps, founded almost by accident by a cavalryman in 1907, whose members have rendered distinguished service in a variety of capacities, ranging from driving ambulances in the First World War to being secret agents in the Second.

A Damned Cunning Fellow, a biography of his ancestor, Rear-Admiral Sir Home Popham, was published by his own publishing house, The Old Ferry Press, in 1991.

He is survived by his fourth wife Mary and by a son and daughter of a previous marriage.

T. F. WEST

Trustham Frederick West, research chemist and author, died on June 21 aged 85. He was born on April 19, 1911.

FREDDIE WEST was a research chemist who earned particular recognition among his profession during the Second World War, when Allied troops in the Far East were being devastated by malaria. He was taken, blindfold, to wartime airfields and flown secretly to bases abroad. Once there, West advised the Army on the best way to apply insecticide to the affected area. This was twenty years before Rachel Carson published her opinion-changing *Silent Spring*, and West was of that generation which saw DDT as the answer to all mosquito-born diseases.

Born in Hertfordshire, the son of a butcher and poultry farmer, West was educated on a scholarship at Hertford Grammar School and took an external degree in chemistry at Sir John Cass College, University of London. During the day he worked for a pharmaceutical company, and studied by night. In 1934 he gained a first, and his master's degree in inorganic chemistry.

Subsequently, he carried out research on the detailed chemical structures of pyrethrins I and II, the insecticides extracted from the pyrethrum flowers, or African chrysanthemums. During the Second World War supplies of pyrethrum were scarce, particularly after Japan had joined hostilities. The Insecticides Research and Development Panel was established to find substitutes for pyrethrum to protect troops against malaria-carrying mosquitoes.

The panel sought advice from West, then serving with commissioned rank in the London Home Guard. He was seconded for special duties to the Office of the Scientific Advisers, Ministry of Production. In 1942 he was sent to the Far East and then to India in 1943 in response to a request from the High Command in India for an expert to instruct them on the use of DDT and pyrethrum mixtures.



He actually contracted malaria himself that year and was found unconscious in a lavatory in Delhi. The disease recurred for some years afterwards but, ironically, that initial attack saved his life. Had he not been immobilised, he would have been a passenger on the doomed flight he intended to catch, the one on which the actor Leslie Howard died (West's name was not removed from the passenger list, with the result that his wife was informed that her husband was dead, only to find him, later, on her doorstep).

In 1946 he gained the degree of Doctor of Science from the University of London. After the war he travelled: to Canada, where he lectured at the University of Toronto, and to Sydney, as director of research for a chemical company. From his headquarters in London, he directed the European operations for the Pyrethrum Board of Kenya. In 1960 he became editor of *Chemistry and Industry*. The editorials were noted as "models of best scientific writing". In 1976 he moved on to the Royal Society of Health, as editor of its *Journal* and, at the same time, to an honorary research fellowship at University College London. He retired in 1990.

West set questions in chemistry for the television programme *Mastermind*. He was co-author of several books on *DDT and the chemical control of insects*. Before global warming became a fashionable subject, he co-edited monographs on the British chemical industry; and, in 1980, on *Chlorofluorocarbons in the Environment: The Aerosol Controversy*. He also patented many new processes and devices (some invented in his garden shed). These included a wood preservative, an antidote for spider bites, and a UV filter for Antarctic expeditions.

His wife died in March. He is survived by their daughter.

MAJOR-GENERAL GEOFFREY ARMITAGE

Major-General Geoffrey Armitage, CBE, GOC Northumbrian District, 1970-72 died on June 23 aged 78. He was born on July 5, 1917.



GEOFFREY ARMITAGE was one of the few army officers, who managed successfully not only to transfer between Artillery and Armour halfway through his career, but also to become the professional head of his adopted arm as Director of the Royal Armoured Corps at an important juncture in the history of tank development.

Brought up in Ireland, he was educated at Haileybury and the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, where he won the Sword of Honour and was commissioned into the Royal Artillery in 1937. The Gunner half of his military career started in the 14th Anti-tank Regiment, RA, which went as part of the 4th Division with the British Expeditionary Force to France in 1939.

Surviving the retreat to Dunkirk, he stayed with the 4th Division which was deployed on anti-invasion defences in southern Hampshire. He became adjutant of his regiment in September 1940 and a battery commander a year later. In March 1943 the 4th Division sailed for North Africa, where his battery took part in the final battles for Tunis.

After the Axis forces had capitulated in May, he went to the Staff College at Haifa, and thereafter served with 7th Armoured Division, first as the brigade major of 22nd Armoured Brigade at Salerno; then as a divisional GSO2 in Normandy; and finally as a Royal Horse Artillery battery commander for the rest of the war in Europe. He was mentioned in dispatches and appointed MBE (mil) in 1945.

It was during the crossing of the Rhine and the subsequent advance to the Baltic that his battery was supporting 8th Hussars' armoured regimental group commanded by Desmond (later General Sir Desmond) Fitzpatrick.

In 1946, he spent a year in the Mediterranean in the aircraft carrier *HMS Ocean* as an Army/Air Liaison Officer, which he greatly enjoyed. He was then specially selected as a former Sword of Honour winner to be one of the first of the Royal Artillery's representative instructors at the new Royal Military Academy Sandhurst — the amalgamation of the prewar Sandhurst and Woolwich. Desmond Fitzpatrick was asked by his regiment, The Royal Dragoons (1st Dragoons), to find some potential commanding officers from other arms who were willing to transfer. Much to the Gunners' fury, Armitage decided to accept the Royals' invitation to join them in 1951.

His transfer in mid-career could have been risky had it not been for his personal abilities and his experience in armoured warfare gained during his two years with 7th Armoured Division. He was gifted in sporting activities that would appeal to a cavalry regiment. He had won the army pentathlon; excelled as a polo player; was a successful breeder and trainer of gundogs; and had a lifelong interest in all country pursuits. At that time, he was re-establishing the Staff College and Sandhurst pack of drag hounds.

Within four years of transferring he had become a highly respected regimental commander of The Royal Dragoons. He went on to be an instructor at the Imperial Defence College, 1959-60 and a colonel, General Staff, in the War Office, 1960-62. Such was the confidence that he had inspired in Royal Armoured Corps circles that he was appointed Commandant of the British tank Mecca, the Royal Armoured Corps Centre at Bovington, 1962-65.

His artillery and tank experience, coupled with his ability as a Staff Officer, made him a natural choice as Chief of Staff to 1st (British) Corps in Germany in 1966. It was not an easy time to hold such a responsible job; Denis Healey's rolling defence reviews were in full swing, and the 1966 sterling crisis made it imperative to fight back to defend 1st Corps from Treasury-driven cuts in its capabilities. To his relief, having been promoted major-general and appointed CBE in 1968, he returned to England to take over as Director Royal Armoured Corps.

It was a case of out of the frying pan into the fire. The new Challenger tank was just being brought into service. Regrettably, the gross unreliability of its L60 engine, which was no fault of his, marred his tenure as Director, by causing constant changes in the re-equipment programmes of the armoured regiments. On the positive side, however, the promising development of the world-beating Chobham armour for defeating anti-tank missiles was coming to fruition at that time.

His last job in the Army was as Commander of Northumbrian District at Catterick, 1970-72, at the time of the first miners' strike against the Heath Government. The Army found itself involved in giving the police support, when and where needed to handle demonstrations, in the North East.

On his retirement in 1973, he gave much of his time to the Country Landowners' Association, running its Gamefair from 1973 to 1979.

In 1949 he married a widow, Monica Wall Kent. They had one son and she had a daughter by her first marriage. All survive him.

Church news

Appointments

Canon John Edge, Curate, Briercliffe, Burnley (Blackburn): to be Resident Minister, West Felton (Lichfield).

The Rev Debbie Flach, Assistant Curate, Chantilly, France: to be Assistant Curate, Holy Trinity, Maison-Lafitte, France (Europe).

The Rev Jeremy Fletcher, Priest-in-charge, St Andrew's, Skegby, and All Saints, Chapel of Ease, Stanton Hill: to be also Priest-in-charge, Teversal St Katherine (Southwell).

The Rev Kathleen (Kay) Garlick, Assistant Curate (NSM), St Mary and St Thomas à Becket, Much Birch, St Mary, Little Birch, St David, Much Dewchurch, Christ Church, Llanwarne, and St Dubricius, Llandinabo (Hereford): to be also Chaplain to the Sixth Form College, Hereford.

The Rev Laura Gibson, Team Vicar, Birchen Coppice, Kidderminster West Team Ministry: to be Priest-in-charge, Mamble w Bayton, Rock w Heightington w Far Forest (Worcester).

The Rev Timothy Gill, Assistant Curate, North Hull, St Michael and All Angels: to be Priest-in-charge, Sculcoates, St Paul w Christ Church and St Silas, and Priest-in-charge, Sculcoates, St Mary (York).

The Rev Frances Hancock, Adviser on Women in Ministry, and Curate (NSM), St Peter, Peterchurch; St Bartholomew, Vowchurch; St Mary Magdalen, Turnastone; and St Faith, Dorstone (Hereford): to be also a Prebend of Hereford Cathedral.

The Rev Michael Hart, Rector, St Mary, Newington: to be Priest-in-charge, and Team Rector-designate, St Mary, Caterham and St Peter and St Paul, Chaldon (Southwark).

The Rev John Higgins, Rector, Arthuret: to be Social Responsibility Officer for the diocese of Carlisle and Assistant Priest, Brampton, Castle Carrrock, Cumrew and Farlam, same diocese.

The Rev David Humphries, Vicar, St Thomas, Greetland and West Vale (Wakefield): to be Vicar, Shawbury w Moreton Corbet and Stanton upon Hine Heath (Lichfield).

The Rev Peter Ingrams, Vicar, St Mary Magdalen, Sheet: to be Vicar, St John the Baptist, Locks Heath (Portsmouth).

The Rev Peter Jaram, Assistant Curate, Bridlington Priory: to be Assistant Curate, Rufforth w Moor Monkton and Hessay, and Healaugh w Wighill, Bilbrough and Askham Richard (York).

The Rev Timothy Jones, Assistant Curate, Middlesbrough, St Martin: to be Curate, with special responsibility for the Rountons and Welbury, and part-time Chaplain to HM Remand Centre, Northallerton (York).

The Rev Derek Little, Vicar, St Stephen, Canonbury (London): to be Rector, St Thomas and St Nicholas Mission Church, Bedhampton (Portsmouth).

The Rev Canon Terry Louden, Vicar, St Philip, Cosham: to be Vicar, All Saints', East Meon, and St John the Evangelist, Langrish and Director of Continuing Ministerial Education (Portsmouth).

The Rev Julian McCready, Rector, Clonallon and Warrenpoint (Down and Dromore): to be Chaplain to Liverpool College.

The Rev Timothy Marks, Rector, Elkisley w Croxton, Graveley w Yelling and Toseland (Ely): to be Director of Network Counselling and Training, same diocese.

The Rev David North, Rector, Whittington, Oswestry: to be also Priest-in-charge, West Felton (Lichfield).

The Rev Canon Stephen Oliver, Archdeacon to the Archbishop of Capetown (Province of South Africa): to be Lecturer/Preacher, Newland Almshouses, Coleford (Gloucester).

The Rev Marion Palmer, Curate, St Mary Magdalene, Gillingham: to be Curate, Farnborough (Rochester).

The Rev David Picton, Vicar, Old Basing and Rural Dean of Basingstoke (Winchester): to be also an Honorary Canon of Winchester Cathedral.

SERAJEVO AND AFTER

A number of arrests are reported to have been made in connection with the Serajevo crime, and the lodgings of Serb students at the Universities of Prague and Graz have been searched. Authentic accounts of the crime, given by persons who were actually present with the Archduke, give the tragedy more and more an aspect of fatality. There is little doubt that before his departure for Bosnia the Archduke was conscious that he was undertaking a dangerous journey. When during the railway journey the grease boxes of the carriage became heated he remarked, "Now it's beginning, and down there they will throw bombs at us." But the actual assassination was rendered easy by the most extraordinary combination of circumstances. The Duchess had been slightly grazed in the neck by a splinter from the first bomb, but she maintained her coolness and begged her husband to be allowed to continue to accompany him after he left the town hall. After the reception at the Rathaus, the Archduke expressed his intention of visiting the Merizzi Hospital, and fell in with the suggestion that he should drive thither along the Appel Quay. Nobody would be expecting him to travel along this road, which is broad and straight, and along which, in consequence, he could drive very fast, and so diminish the possibility of a successful attempt. The mistake made by the Mayor's car in turning into a side street brought the Archduke's car to a standstill at a spot within a few yards of where Prinzip was standing. Finally, the slightest divergence of the bullets would have rendered the wounds not necessarily fatal.

ON THIS DAY

July 8, 1914

Details of the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand appeared on the same page as an account of the visit by the British fleet to the German fleet at Kiel. Within a month the two countries were at war.

KIEL AND AFTER

The British naval visit to Kiel, although its festivities were dimmed by the tragedy of Serajevo, was a great success and gave fine proof of naval comradeship the world over and of German hospitality. The reception was warm and sincere. It is not an empty convention that exalts Emperors and Kings to the highest rank in the armies and navies with which they compete and with which they sometimes come to blows. It is rather a symbol of brotherhood in arms — exhibited at Kiel alike when the Emperor William hoisted the flag of a British Admiral in the *King George V*, when Sir George Warrender and the President of the German Navy League exchanged enthusiastic speechs in Kiel Town Hall, and when the German and British bluejackets made merry ashore.

NEWS

MPs urge battle over 48-hour week

■ Tory MPs are to try to force the Prime Minister into a head-on confrontation with Brussels over a ruling by the European Court imposing a maximum 48-hour week on British workers.

Although the judgment is not likely to be issued by the court until September, the Euro-sceptics intend to exploit the issue this week. John Redwood says that the decision must stay with Parliament Page 1

Oxford doubles its professors

■ Oxford University has almost doubled its number of professors, appointing more in a single day than in the past decade, in an unprecedented attempt to raise the status of its dons. Lecturers at Oxford and Cambridge have grown increasingly frustrated at playing second fiddle to less eminent academics elsewhere Page 1

Historic win

Holland's Richard Krajicek created Wimbledon history after beating the American MaliVai Washington in the first men's final with two unseeded players Pages 1, 3

Ulster fears

A confrontation between hundreds of Orangemen and armed police on the outskirts of Portadown, County Armagh, intensified amid fears that the protest could spread thorughout Northern Ireland Page 1

Blair backs off

Tony Blair has backed away from a damaging confrontation with his MPs over a threat to scrap this year's elections to the Shadow Cabinet Page 2

Return from dead

For a man thought to be dead, Leslie Powles, 70, a lone sailor, was enjoying life to the full yesterday Page 3

Manchester gala

Three weeks after the IRA tried to tear the heart out of Manchester, some of the shops closest to the blast reopened with balloons, bunting, brass bands and celebrity guests Page 4

Legal perks

Leading City law firms are providing their staff with an unrivalled range of perks ranging from in-house swimming pools and gyms to stress counselling and yoga sessions Page 6

Prudish Versace

Gianni Versace, the king of overtly sexual evening wear, has abandoned the "happy hooker" look. His couture show is verging on the prudish Page 7

Paying for nothing

The Government is paying nearly £1 million a year in rent for an empty 17-storey office block that it does not want, cannot use and cannot sub-let Page 8

French dilemma

The detention of Loïk Le Floch-Prigent — the head of SNCF, France's state-owned railway — poses an embarrassing dilemma for the Gaullists Page 9

Israeli disclosures

Fresh disclosures about the private life of Binyamin Netanyahu, Israel's Prime Minister, and his third wife, Sara, 35, dominated the media Page 10

Blow for Dole

The Whitewater special prosecutor, dealt a blow to Bob Dole's hopes of winning the White House by suggesting that he was unlikely to recommend criminal charges against President Clinton before the election Page 11

Mandela's problem

Nelson Mandela enjoys an unchallengeable authority and huge popularity in South Africa — and yet he has only a limited control over affairs of his Government Page 11

Designer mosquito to beat malaria

■ A new breed of mosquito could be designed to act as a "flying hypodermic syringe" to prevent malaria, the disease they normally spread. The genetically-engineered variety would transfer a protein through its saliva which would act as a vaccine, immunising the victim against the disease which claims more than two million lives a year Page 1

CHRIS HARRIS



Three of the participants at a "poetry Olympics" held in the Albert Hall, London, yesterday who recited their works to an audience of only 500. From left: Kazuko Shiraishi, Heathcote Williams and Roger McGough. Page 3

BUSINESS

Looking up: Business optimism in the financial sector is growing on the back of the strongest increase in volumes since the 1980s... Page 44

Store prospects: Somerfield will seek to reassure potential investors that its £500 million flotation remains on track when it reports a sharp rise in profits Page 44

Heady brew: Guinness will make a Stock Exchange statement in response to a leaked document that suggested it was considering a £13.2 billion takeover bid for Grand Metropolitan Page 44

Drug ruling: Glaxo Wellcome's attempts to protect the market share of Zantac, its money-spinning anti-ulcer drug, suffered a setback when Novopharm won the right to produce a generic version Page 44

FEATURES

German conspirators: In the first extract from his controversial book *Plotting Hitler's Death* Joachim Fest tells the true story of the bungled plot Page 13

Village radio: As Archers fans prepare to board a special cruise, an editor tells the inside story of Ambridge and Libby Purves tells of her love-hate relationship with radio's famous soap Page 14, 15

MIND AND MATTER

False memory: Scientists in America have discovered that the brain appears to be more active when it is recalling the truth Page 12

Horror story: The *New Scientist* says that weeds are showing signs of resistance to the world's favourite herbicide, glyphosate Page 12

ARTS

Think big: Rambert Dance Company celebrates its 70th birthday with a season at the Coliseum, a theatre it could never have dreamt of filling five years ago Page 16

Mr Nice Guy: Bill Cosby may be a multimillionaire, and one of the most influential figures in American television, but when it comes to comedy he still likes to play one of life's also-rans Page 16

Musical debuts: Both Peter Maxwell Davies and John Woolrich had new operas to unveil, making it a red-letter week for British opera Page 16

Star trio: The Three Tenors played Wembley Stadium and proved that even though they total 165 years, they still have what it takes to thrill an audience Page 17

SPORT

Tennis: While Steffi Graf celebrates winning her seventh Wimbledon singles title, her overwhelming superiority casts a cloud over the future Page 27

Boxing: Nigel Benn is likely to seek a rematch with Steve Collins after his challenge for the WBO supermiddleweight title was ended by an ankle injury Page 37

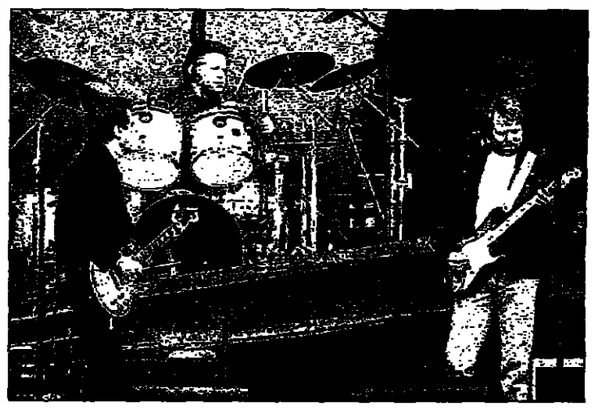
Cricket: Mushtaq Ahmed, the Pakistan leg spinner, is preparing a new weapon in his armoury of baffling deliveries for the series against England Page 31

Motor racing: Bernie Ecclestone, the most influential figure in Formula One, sees the sport gaining in the Far East Page 28

Rugby league: A last-minute defeat by Oldham keeps the spectre of relegation over Leeds Page 24

Cycling: Miguel Induráin's iron grip on the Tour de France appears in doubt after he finished the eighth stage almost five minutes behind Evgeni Berzin Page 34

Golf: Andy Oldcorn handed the Murphy's Irish Open to Colin Montgomerie after making a double-bogey at the last hole Page 24



TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ OLD BOYS
The Eagles are back but have the veteran Californian rockers still got what it takes?

■ BOMB PLOTTERS
Day 2 of the Stauffenberg Solution: how Britain betrayed the conspirators

LOTTERY NUMBERS

13, 26, 43, 44, 45, 47. Bonus: 36 There was no winner. Eleven people get £311,182 for five numbers and the bonus; 546 tickets win £3,918 for five numbers; 44,783 win £105 for four numbers and 933,653 win £10.

TV LISTINGS

Preview: The story of Seb Coe and Steve Ovett at the 1980 Olympics: *Clash of the Titans* (BBC2, 9.45pm)
Review: Sara Thornton's story worked better as drama than Lynne Truss expected Page 43

OPINION

The Tory gauntlet

The more doggedly the Chancellor pursues his plans to control public borrowing and spending, the more he will help the Government's re-election chances Page 19

Sandpaper and silk

A second front in the Conservative assault on Tony Blair is launched today: David Willetts's erudite and elegant essay, *Blair's Gurus*, which attacks the philosophical foundations of new Labour Page 19

In another July

In the light of the British failure to support the July plot against Hitler, we may wish to reconsider our wartime record Page 19

COLUMNS

TIM CONGDON

If workers in this country were on average less well-educated than elsewhere, Britain ought to have lost ground most heavily in business activities in which human capital is at a premium. But that is not at all the case Page 18

PETER RIDDELL

Apart from moral philosophers such as John Macmurray, Mr Blair is influenced more by clever, practical people such as Derry Irvine, the Shadow Lord Chancellor who gave him his first start as a barrister Page 18

OBITUARIES

Ray Howard-Jones, artist; **Hugh Popham**, pilot and poet; **Major-General Geoffrey Armitage**, GOC Northumbrian District; **T. F. West**, research chemist Page 21

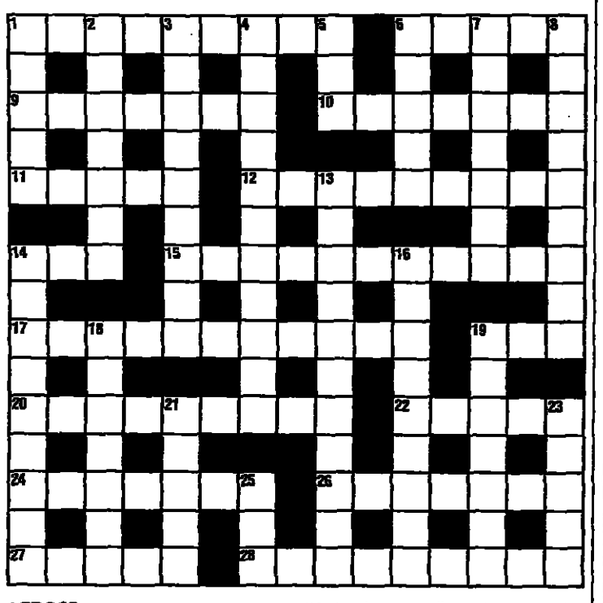
LETTERS

RSPCA aims; St Ethelburga; aerial archaeology; climate Page 19

THE PAPERS

The massacres have stopped and a constitutional structure has been created which could one day permit reunification. But Karadzic is impeding any movement in that direction and impeding a free vote as well. If the West does not react more firmly it will be an accomplice — *Repubblica*, Rome

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 20,214



ACROSS

1 Appropriate feature found with a kind of porcelain (4,5).
6 Beastly transport turned up at length (5).
9 He uses specious argument to get work attributed to him, in a way (7).
10 Christian, perhaps, turning cheek to relentless pursuer (7).
11 Steep road finally leading to river (5).
12 Carpeting agent operating as traveller (9).
14 Signal indicating line up, reportedly (3).
15 Unconfined trouble in the plant (11).
17 Dispute note offered in change (11).
19 Partners separated by individual failing (3).
20 Female warning in public address of remarkable events (9).
22 Former partner going to law to press demand (5).
24 Striking form shown by Ishmael, possibly (7).
26 Cutting off light fasteners in centre of sleeve (7).
27 Least manoeuvrable memorial stone (5).
28 Turn out to embrace a friend, of course (9).

DOWN

1 Settled since accepted in retirement accommodation (5).
2 Writer's uplifting music that's incorporated in *The Planets* (7).
3 Greek character, a retailer supplying Phidias, for example? (9).
4 Dishonestly import exotic oriental pet (11).
5 Ignoring the odds, gallop mount (3).
6 Small group joined by old music-maker (5).
7 Swallow one drink (7).
8 Tree on common providing shade (4,5).
13 Endlessly make assertion about soldiers in a fix (11).
14 Defenders may be supreme competitors (9).
16 One who has to undergo a lot in boring job? (9).
18 Scene of operations during or after fighting (7).
19 Prize taken by the Spanish, a cutter in 18 (7).
21 US city in which to find tomahawks? Just the opposite (5).
23 Leaders in Times examining election next year? Very little (5).
25 Teachers over a barrel (3).

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ABERLOUR

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 20,213 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a bottle of Aberlour single highland malt whisky.

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Gravesend, Kent, 21C (70F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, 10C (50F); highest rainfall: Herstmonceux, East Sussex, 0.39in; highest sunshine: Jersey, 14.0hr.

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will have a clear and dry start and a largely sunny morning. Cloud will increase in the afternoon and there may be odd showers but mostly it will remain dry. Later cloud and drizzle may edge into western parts.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will have a bright or sunny morning. Cloud increasing by afternoon but still with sunny intervals in central and eastern parts. Over Northern Ireland there may be patchy drizzle by afternoon, this spreading to western Scotland later.

☐ **London, S E England, E Anglia, Central S England, Midlands, E England, NW England, Lake District, Central N, NE England:** bright or sunny periods, mainly dry. Winds light northwest. Cool. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **Channel Isles, S W England, Wales, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Argyll, NW Scotland:** bright and dry, sunny intervals, becoming hazy later. Cloudy with drizzle in places by late evening. Winds light northwest or west. Cool. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth:** dry with bright or sunny periods. Winds light northwest or west. Cool. Max 15C to 18C (59F to 64F).

☐ **NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** partly cloudy, a few light showers. Winds light northwest or west. Cool. 14C to 17C (57F to 63F).

☐ **N Ireland:** bright morning, clouding over then patchy rain in afternoon. Wind light or moderate west or northwest. Cool. 17C (63F).

☐ **Outlook:** cloudy with rain at times on Tuesday, brighter on Wednesday.

☐ **Pollen forecast:** Scotland, north-east England, London, low to moderate; East Midlands, East Anglia, North Wales, South East, moderate; Northern Ireland, South West, moderate to high; northwest England, West Midlands, South Wales, high.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

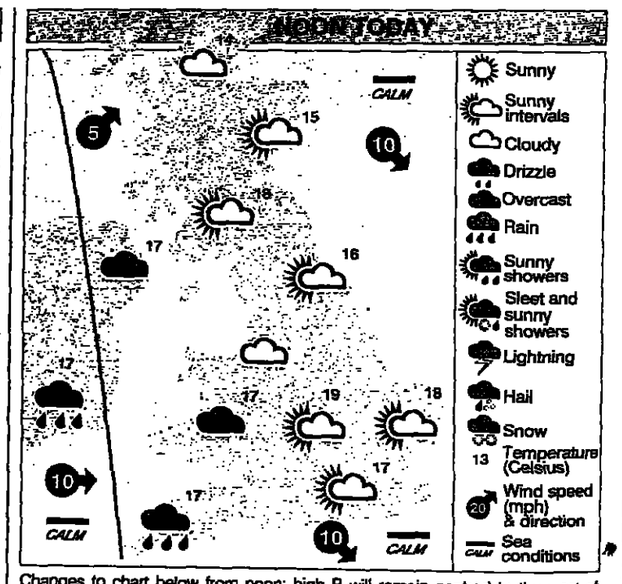
	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	0.2	0.02	13	55	r
Anglesey	4.3	0.01	15	59	sh
Aspatria	6.8	0.04	18	64	sh
Aviemore	6.0	0.01	15	59	b
Belfast	3.4	0.02	15	59	sh
Birmingham	9.0	0.01	17	63	b
Bognor R	7.4	0.05	16	61	f
Bournem'th	5.9	0.28	19	66	sh
Bristol	11.4	-	19	66	s
Buxton	6.5	0.02	13	55	s
Cardiff	11.3	0.02	17	63	sh
Clacton	X				
Cleethorpes	X				
Colwyn Bay	3.9	0.02	13	55	c
Cromer	11.0	-	17	63	s
Dunbar	3.4	-	16	61	b
Eastbourne	X				
Edinburgh	5.0	-	20	68	s
Eskdalemuir	7.4	-	17	63	sh
Exmouth	10.2	0.12	18	64	s
Falmouth	12.1	-	17	63	s
Fishguard	8.4	-	13	55	c
Folkestone	9.2	0.01	17	63	b
Glasgow	10.5	-	20	68	s
Guernsey	12.6	-	19	66	s
Hastings	7.9	0.04	18	61	f
Hayling I.	7.3	0.26	18	81	sh
Herne Bay	X				
Hove	4.1	0.05	17	63	sh
Hunstanton	X	-	17	63	s
Isle of Man	7.3	0.01	15	59	s
Jersey	14.0	0.05	18	64	s
Kinloss	2.6	0.05	14	57	sh
Leeds	9.2	0.02	19	66	sh
Lerwick	1.8	0.02	11	52	sh
Leuchars	3.4	0.01	18	64	sh
Littlehmptn	5.1	0.14	17	63	sh
London	2.7	0.01	20	68	b
Lowestoft	9.0	0.01	19	66	s
Manchester	8.4	0.04	18	61	sh
Margate	12.6	-	19	66	s
Minehead	11.4	0.01	17	63	s
Morecambe	7.4	0.01	17	63	s
Newcastle	2.2	0.02	16	61	sh
Norwich	10.6	-	19	66	s
Oxford	10.6	0.11	19	66	s
Penzance	X	-	19	66	s
Poole	7.1	0.31	19	66	s
Ross-o-wye	7.4	0.04	19	66	s
Ryde	8.4	0.18	17	63	sh
Salcombe	10.1	-	18	64	s
Sandown	7.8	0.07	20	68	sh
Saunton Snd	10.6	-	17	63	s
Scarboro'	5.3	0.08	15	59	s
Shanklin	9.2	0.11	17	63	sh
Shrewsbury	6.0	0.05	15	59	sh
Skegness	7.0	-	16	64	s
Southend	X	-	19	66	f
Southport	5.3		16	61	c
Southsea	6.1	0.23	17	63	sh
Stornoway	0.4	0.07	13	55	c
Swanage	8.2	0.12	18	64	sh
Teignmouth	11.0	0.01	19	66	s
Tiree	4.4	0.01	14	57	s
Torquay	9.7	0.01	19	66	s
Ventnor	10.0	0.23	17	63	sh
West-s-mare	11.3	0.10	19	66	sh
Weymouth	9.3	0.01	18	64	s

ABROAD

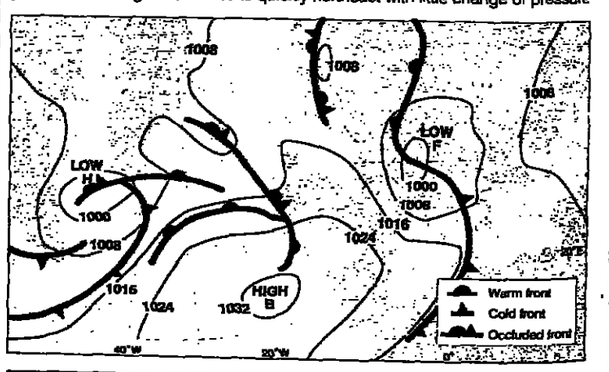
Ajaccio	25	77	f	Corfu	30	86	s	Majorca	29	84	f	Rome	26	79	f
Alicatiri	30	86	s	C'phegn	16	61	f	Malaga	33	90	s	S Fr'isco	19	66	s
Alex'dria	30	86	c	Dublin	15	59	t	Malta	35	95	s	S Paulo	19	66	s
Algiers	33	91	s	Dubrovnik	25	77	s	Melb'rne	13	55	c	Salzburg	18	64	c
Amst'dm	13	55	c	Faro	23	73	s	Mexico C	21	70	f	Santiago	15	59	s
Athens	33	91	s	Florence	27	81	f	Miami	32	90	s	Seoul	23	73	f
B Aires	11	52	s	Frankfurt	17	63	r	Milan	26	79	f	Sing'por	25	79	f
Bahrain	37	99	s	Funchal	22	72	c	Montreal	21	70	s	St'kholm	15	59	c
Bangkok	34	93	f	Geneva	18	64	c	Moscow	24	75	s	Strasb'rg	18	64	f
Barbados	X			Gibraltar	39	79	s	Munich	16	61	c	Sydney	17	63	f
Barcelona	24	75	s	Helsinki	14	57	f	N Delhi	33	91	s	Tangier	23	73	f
Beirut	30	86	s	Hong K	32	90	s	N York	30	86	s	Tel Aviv	33	91	s
Belgrade	32	90	f	Innsbruck	16	61	r	Nairobi	26	77	f	Tenerife	25	77	f
Berlin	17	63	c	Istanbul	30	86	s	Naples	29	84	s	Tokyo	29	84	f
Bermuda	27	81	f	Jeddah	36	97	s	Nice	28	79	s	Toronto	22	72	c
Biarritz	19	66	f	Jo'burg	X			Oslo	18	64	f	Tunis	32	90	s
Borde'x	18	64	c	L Angels	22	72	s	Paris	17	63	c	Valencia	27	81	f
Brussels	15	59	t	L Palmas	24	75	c	Peking	33	91	s	Vanc'ver	18	64	s
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Cairo	35	95	s	Lisbon	23	73	f	Prague	19	66	f	Vienna	19	66	c
Cape Tn	16	61	s	Locarno	21	70	c	Reykjavik	12	54	s	Warsaw	22	72	c
Ch'church	6	43	X	Luxembg	12	54	r	Rhodes	29	84	s	Wash'ton	30	86	f
Chicago	30	86	s	Luxor	41	106	s	Rio de J	22	72	f	Wel'ngton	10	50	X
Cologne	17	63	f	Madrid	25	77	f	Riyadh	43	109	s	Zurich	16	61	c

Temperatures: at midday local time X = not available

NOON TODAY



Changes to chart below from noon: high B will remain centred to the west of Portugal with pressure unchanged. Low F will push northwards into the Baltic with pressure unchanged. Low H runs quickly northeast with little change of pressure



HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	7:09	6.8	7:20	6.5
Aberdeen	6:45	3.6	7:45	3.6
Avonmouth	0:05	11.9	12:31	11.4
Belfast	4:29	3.4	5:13	3.2
Cardiff	12:22	10.2	-	-
Devonport	11:23	4.7	11:44	4.7
Dover	4:22	6.0	4:43	6.1
Dublin (N Wall)	5:04	3.9	5:52	3.6
Falmouth	10:56	4.9	11:23	4.6
Greenock	5:33	3.3	6:13	3.1
Harwich	5:09	3.7	5:26	3.6
Holyhead	3:36	5.1	4:22	4.7
Hull (Albert D)	11:37	6.9	-	-
Ilfracombe	11:24	7.9	11:59	7.9
King's Lynn	11:41	6.0	-	-

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Leith	8.11	5.1	8.48	4.9
Liverpool	4.31	8.6	5:03	8.1
Lowestoft	3:17	2.2	3:04	2.1
Margate	5:28	4.4	5:38	4.3
Milford Haven	11:47	5.9	-	-
Newquay	10:43	5.7	11.15	5.8
Oban	11:13	2.9	-	-
Penzance	10:08	4.7	10:41	4.8
Portland	-	-	12:05	1.6
Portsmouth	4:34	4.2	5:10	4.3
Shoreham	4:27	5.5	4.57	5.6
Southampton	4:03	4.2	4:42	4.2
Swansea	11:48	8.1	-	-
Tees	9:17	5.0	9:57	4.7
Walton-on-Naze	5:01	3.9	5.19	3.8

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 4.54 am
Sun sets: 9.17 pm
Moon sets: 2.16 pm
Moon rises: 12.31 am
New Moon July 15

London 9.17 pm to 4.55 am
Bristol 9.27 pm to 5.05 am
Edinburgh 9.56 pm to 4.40 am
Manchester 9.37 pm to 4.52 am
Penzance 9.32 pm to 5.23 am

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